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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

*The National Officers plus the following Members at Large*:

William W. Thompson (102nd Inf. WWI)
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Homer W. Poirier (103rd MG Bn WWI)
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*Plus all Department Sr. Vice Commanders and all Past Nat. Presidents or Commanders. Plus all Chapter Commanders.*



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# REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

On April 1st the National Treasurer turned his books over to a Professional Auditor named J. R. Gustafson. The Auditing Committee of the YDVA met in the National Headquarters at Boston on Thursday, April 20th and investigated all entries in the books for the past year. The Committee also called up on the phone, the various concerns that the YDVA does business with, to ascertain if all bills had been paid. They have been. The Committee also checked the Bank Balance and the deposit book, and they report to you, that they are also in order. They also report:—that all bills on the Car Drawing are paid for, and that a partial payment on the car itself has been also paid—that the Yankee Doings for the Month of April is also paid, and there are no bills whatsoever that are outstanding.

The Auditing Committee is proud to report that:—All Bills are paid, and that we are solvent. That all bills in the future that the YDVA may anticipate, that there is money enough in the bank to pay for the same immediately upon receipt of same.

The Committee in conclusion is very happy to report that:—The Yankee Division Veterans Association has a substantial amount of money in the bank. We further recommend that a reserve fund should be established as soon as such money is available for such.

Respectfully submitted:—

Lee Redfield, Al Herman,
Ben Bourne, Denny Brunton,
Ed Miller, Fred Jones.
Pete Bourget,

# Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 1950

## Statement of Condition March 31, 1950

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in Banks | $2092.36 | |
| Accounts Receivable | 126.00 | |
| Equipment | 2370.80 | |
| Total Assets | | $4589.16 |

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Federal and State Taxes Payable | $ 165.93 | |
| Reserve for Life Memberships | 353.18 | |
| *Capital March 31, 1950 | 4070.05 | |
| Total Liabilities and Capital | | $4589.16 |

* Includes net gain for the year.

## Profit and Loss Statement for the Year Ended March 31, 1950

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| INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES: | | |
| Dues | $9348.00 | |
| Advertising | 6238.28 | |
| Auto-Selection | 3173.57 | |
| Donation from Boston Convention | 500.00 | |
| Sale of Christmas Cards | 89.56 | |
| Sale of "YD" Stamps | 63.25 | |
| Total Incomes | | $19412.66 |
| DEDUCT EXPENSES: | | |
| Yankee Doings Publication | $8837.02 | |
| Salary Expenses | 3887.50 | |
| Purchase of new equipment | 2000.00 | |
| Activity Expenses * | 1054.21 | |
| Traveling Expenses * | 660.55 | |
| Rent Expenses | 574.92 | |
| Office Expenses | 559.51 | |
| Tax Expenses | 161.52 | |
| Other Expenses * | 229.75 | |
| Total Expenses | | $17964.98 |
| NET GAIN | | $1447.68 |

* See supplementary lists.

## Summary of Other Expenses for the Year Ended March 31, 1950

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|---|---|---|
| Bank Service Charges and Dishonored Checks | | $29.06 |
| Accounting Services | | 40.00 |
| Sundry Expenses in connection with drawings | | 45.09 |
| National Treasurer's sundry expenses | | 18.10 |
| Sundry Expenses in connection with national convention | | 73.58 |
| Flowers for Dedications | | 10.00 |
| Misc. Expenses | | 39.32 |
| Total | | $255.15 |
| Less: | | |
| Gift from Massachusetts Auxiliary | $10.00 | |
| Tax Rebate | 15.40 | |
| Total | | 25.40 |
| Total Other Expenses | | $229.75 |

## Summary of Activity Expenses for the Year Ended March 31, 1950

| 1949 | Activity | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| April 8 | Meritorious Certificate | $ 3.96 |
| April 18 | Notices for N.E.C. Meeting | 3.00 |
| April 25 | Receipts for War Memorial Coll. | 6.00 |
| April 27 | War Memorial Fund Contribution | 16.00 |
| May 10 | Sundry Taxi Hire | 1.00 |
| May 17 | Stamps for N.E.C. Meeting | 3.00 |
| June 3 | Stamps for mailing dues receipts | 5.50 |
| June 3 | Telephone for N.E.C. Meeting | 4.52 |
| June 21 | Engrossing Chapter Charters | 3.16 |
| July 5 | Stamps for use in mailing notices | 15.03 |
| July 14 | Postal Cards for Camp Edwards Ded. | 50.00 |
| July 20 | Stationery | 76.00 |
| Aug. 8 | Memorial at Camp Edwards | 957.33 |
| Aug. 8 | Nat'l Fed. of Combat Vet's Association | 100.00 |
| Aug. 8 | Certificates of Merit & Chapter Charters | 36.87 |
| Aug. 8 | Six photo mailers for above | 1.08 |
| Aug. 15 | Chapter Charters | 7.76 |
| Oct. 5 | Music for installation of National Officers | 35.00 |
| Oct. 5 | Five gold pins for National Officers | 91.00 |
| Oct. 20 | Engrossing seven certificates | 6.30 |
| Oct. 20 | Six photo mailers for above | .95 |
| Nov. 3 | Honorary Commander Button | 4.50 |
| Dec. 1 | Past National Commander Medal | 15.00 |
| Dec. 13 | Meritorious Certificate | 3.25 |
| 1950 | | |
| Jan. 31 | National Association of Combat Vets | 50.00 |
| | Total Activity Expenses | $1,496.21 |

## Summary of Traveling Expenses for the Year Ending March 31, 1950

| Date | To Whom Paid | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Apr. 23, 1949 | Ralph A. Turgeon | $123.63 |
| May 23, 1949 | Ralph A. Turgeon | 216.07 |
| June 13, 1949 | Ralph A. Turgeon | 28.90 |
| June 13, 1949 | H. Guy Watts | 38.10 |
| June 13, 1949 | Earl S. Eaves | 27.20 |
| Oct. 3, 1949 | H. Guy Watts | 47.15 |
| Oct. 3, 1949 | H. Guy Watts | 80.00 |
| Nov. 9, 1949 | Edward J. McCormack | 99.50 |
| | Total Traveling Expenses | $660.55 |

## Donations to the Association Used in Various Activities for the Year Ended March 31, 1950

Total Activity Expense was $1,496.21

Less the following receipts:

| Date | From | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| April 4, 1949 | Donations to Memorial Fund | $ 9.00 |
| April 20, 1949 | Donations to Memorial Fund | 7.00 |
| April 25, 1949 | Bristol Challenge Donation | 50.00 |
| Aug. 18, 1949 | Donations to Memorial Fund | 375.00 |
| Feb. 9, 1950 | Donation to Memorial Fund | 1.00 |
| | Total Donations to Activities | $442.00 |

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| Associations cost of activities | $1,496.21 |
| Less Donations | 442.00 |
| Net Cost of Activties | 1,054.21 |

## REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

On April 16th at a National Executive Committee Meeting, it was voted that the Budget Committee of The Y D V A should meet on Thursday, April 20th in Boston and set up a Budget of the Organization until December 31st, 1950. The Budget Committee did meet on the 20th day of April in Boston and they reviewed the budget that was set up on October 20th, 1949, which Budget was also reviewed on Thursday, January 19th, February 16th, and also on March 16th. The Budget Committee is happy to report that every item originally planned in the Budget of October 20th has been lived up to by every one connected directly or indirectly with the YDVA. They also wish to report that not alone has the Budget been lived up to, but the saving on all items of said Budget has exceeded the expectations of this Committee.

Johnny Rogan, the Advertising Manager feels that he will do as good in the coming year as he did in the past. The Committee feels that the Doings will cost us $350.00 a month for the next 9 months—Some members of the Committee felt that this is very high figure, as the Doings only cost us $164.00 month in the past year)—The Committee figures that we will have a loss of $1000.00 on December 31st, but that can be made up by the donation of $500.00 from the Worcester Convention and the receipt of $500.00 from the Ad money that is due us and receivable—The Committee will receive from the Ad Man a Monthly report—The Committee will also receive from the National Treasurer a Monthly report as to monies received and also spent, and for the purpose of spending the money—In this way, the Committee feels that they will have their finger right on the Pulse of the Heart of the Organization from month to month—The Car Drawing Profits should be set aside as a "Cushion" or reserve fund and only used when it is necessary—The figure set by the Committee for this "Reserve Fund" is $5000.00.

From the Committee,

Ed Miller, Chairman.

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WANTED

Store, with 2 rooms and bath in rear, to be used as Gift Shop. Anywhere in New England.

Paul Nathanson, Co. A 104 Inf., WW-I
188 E. 94th Street
Brooklyn 12, N. Y.

## MRS. THOMAS F. CROKAN *for* NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. "Kit" Crokan is well qualified for the office of National President of the Y. D. V. A. Auxiliary. She is a Past President of the Springfield Y. D. Auxiliary, a Past President of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 293, a Past President of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Post 70. She was the First President of the Massachusetts Department of the Y. D. V. A. Auxiliary. For twenty years she has been actively interested in Rehabilitation and the hospitalized veteran. —*Paid Advertisement*

## National Service Office

This office stayed out of the April issue of "Doings" to leave room for the National Convention notices—and we read these notices with a great deal of interest.

We have been very successful to date in working out problems for veterans. We have not gotten results on every one because it would take an act of Jehovah or the continental congress to get results in some of the problems submitted, but we have gotten results short of that.

We look forward to a busy time at the Convention. The Service Officer will be there early and late and will be interested in following up any service problem of any veteran. He will also be in his room at the Sheraton Hotel at 12 o'clock noon on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th, in case anyone finds it easier to talk there than in public.

Joseph K. Surls, M. D.,
130 East End Avenue,
New York 28, N. Y.

# Report of the Nominating Committee Y.D.V.A.

Your National Nominating Committee met in Boston on Sunday, April 23, 2 P.M.

All candidates were agreed upon on the first ballot, with exception of National Commander.

Three names for National Commander were submitted for the consideration of this committee. Two members of the Nominating Committee were pledged and they lived up to their pledge . . . . never swerving.

After four and one-half hours deliberation, it proved impossible to get a majority of those present for any one candidate for National Commander.

Therefor, gentlemen, it is the duty of this Committee to present to you in Convention, the names of these three candidates for National Commander:

MICHAEL J. DELL ISOLA (Dept. of N. H.)
MAURICE P. HEALEY (Dept. of Conn.)
JAMES H. SULLIVAN (Dept. of Mass.)

**Honorary National Commander**
Gen. Willard S. Paul

**National Chaplain**
Rev. Francis X. Bransfield, WW II

**Assistant National Chaplain**
Rev. Daniel Strickland, WW I

**National Treasurer**
Fred L. Jackson

**Assistant National Treasurer**
**National Historian**
John J. Goss

**National Judge Advocate**
George M. French

**National Americanization Officer**
Lewis P. Fulton

**National Service Officer**
Dr. Joseph K. Surls

**National Vice Commander for Maine**
Norman A. Thomas

**National Vice Commander for New Hampshire**
Leo Vigue

**National Vice Commander for Vermont**
John C. Lindstrom

**National Vice Commander for Massachusetts**
W. A. Burnham

**National Vice Commander for Rhode Island**
Francis Dunn

**National Vice Commander for Connecticut**
William O'Neil Jr.

**National Vice Commander for the Department of the East**

**National Vice Commander for the Department of the Middle West**

**National Vice Commander for the Department of the Far West**

**Members at Large, National Executive Committ**
Jack Farquhar, WW I — East
Albert J. Shabbott, WWI — Rhode Island
David D. Hogan, WW I — Massachusetts
Francis V. Baldo, WW II — Mid West
Ernest Bouchard, WW II — New Hampshire

Respectfully submitted,

Your National Committee

Jack Farquhar, Dept. East
Chairman
J. L. Bourget, Dept. R. I.
Secretary
W. W. Sharland, Dept. Maine
D. D. Hogan, Dept. Mass.
William McNulty, Dept. N. H.
Thomas H. Porter, Dept. Conn.

Absent:
Francis V. Baldo, Dept. Mid-West
John Strong, Dept. Vermont
Archie Farr, Dept. Far West

## DRUM CORPS COMPETITION AT CONVENTION

The Drum Corps Committee is hard at work lining up the competition to be held at Worcester on the last day of the convention. We have a program arranged that we think will suit any and all corps that enter. Our trophy awards are as many, if not more than, we had in 1946, and the cash awards for the high aggregate in each classification will be $100.00, as in 1946.

The entries for the meet are coming in at a good rate, and to date we have some thirty-eight corps entered. We are preparing to handle approximately sixty corps. We would like to hear from more corps from Massachusetts, especially from around Boston. So far, most of the corps that are entering are from out of state, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New York, but all are welcome to participate and if any of the comrades know of any drum corps that we have overlooked, we will be more than glad to contact them upon receipt of their address.

We have arranged a housing and feeding program for the visiting corps that we think will take care of everybody who wishes to take their meals with us or who wish a bed for the night before. We have also made arrangements for ample police protection for the corps as long as they are with us.

Cliff Mellen is doing a splendid job as chairman of the trophy committee. Earl Saunders and Henry Russell are working hard on the housing committee. Harold Esip has charge of all tickets for the grandstand, meals, and housing. We are being very ably assisted by the following members of the auxiliary, Mrs. Joseph Fitzgerald, Mrs. Clifford Mellen, Mrs. William Millward, Mrs. Henry Russell, and Mrs. Harold Gould, and I wish to say that they are certainly taking a lot of details off our hands. Hoping that I will have more for the next issue of the doings, and that I hear from some of the comrades in regards to corps that have not entered, I close,

Very truly yours,

Harold F. Gould,

Chairman Drum Corps Committee

The following notice appeared in the March, 1950 issue of

ON PARADE

3036 So. Kildare

Chicago 23, Illinois

### 31st National Y.D.V.A. Convention

The Yankee Division Veterans Association, will hold its annual drum corps competition during their 31st National Convention in Worcester, Massachusetts, on Sunday, June 25, 1950. Every effort is being made by the association and the committee to make this meet the best ever held by this association.

$500.00 in cash prizes, and fifty-six trophy awards, and they have also a plan for housing and feeding the corps that so desire. There is no entrance or registration fee for this meet. The meet will be judged by judges selected from the American Drum Corps Association, under the rules of the Y.D.V.A.

Copy of program will be immediately forwarded upon application to: Harold F. Gould, Chairman Drum Corps Committee, 31st National Y. D. V. A. Convention, 839 Main Street, Worcester, Mass.

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The following notice appeared in the March, 1950 issue of

THE DRUM CORPS HERALD

Beacon, New York

### Worcester, Mass., Scene of Annual Y.D.V.A. Contest

Worcester, Mass., March 18 — Announcement was made here today by Harold F. Gould, Chairman of the Drum Corps Committee of the 31st National Y. D. V. A. Convention Drum Corps contest to be held on Worcester, Sunday, June 25, 1950, in conjunction with the convention. Mr. Gould said that every effort is being made by the association and the committee to make this meet the best ever held by the association.

In a check by our Herald representative in the New England city, approximately 56 trophy awards and approximately $500.00 in cash awards. The committee have a plan for housing and feeding the corps that so desire. No entrance or registration fee for this meet will be charged. The contest will be judged by All American Contest Judges, under the rules of the Y. D. V. A.

# Knocko's Memos

Memo's (as they hit this mind of mine) — Joe Surls and Al Herman are all set for the biggest bunch of Resolutions and changes to the By-Laws that we have since we were founded. Joe and Al are co-chairmen of Resolution Committee. Met Joe in New York, and met Al in Bridgeport. Eliot Carter who I met at Manchester, N. H. is getting ready for the Annual Pilgrimage to Camp Edwards on July 23rd. Freddie Jones who I have met at all the "Whistle Stops" says that the Convention will be the Best Ever. In 1941 the Convention was in Manchester, N. H., and the Committee is still intact. How about it Manchester for 1951? Plymouth Chapter will install on a Sunday afternoon in the summer-time so that they can throw one of their famous Clam Bakes.

There is a close contact between National and State Departments. The National is willing and ready to help all State and Departments in any way possible. On April 23rd the National Ladies Auxiliary held a meeting in Worcester to lay plans for the election of their Officers. Count me out of that one—That is "Too Hot To Handle"—Wot a Fight. (Let me sneak this in here.) Assume that I have been a success as National Commander. Well I feel that my success came from an element of Good Luck and the Will of God. Then I had the Hearty co-operation of all the members, Chapters, State Departments, National Executive Committee, Budget Committee, National Headquarters and the Ladies Auxiliaries)—plus the fact that Mrs. McCormack realized that it was my duty as National Commander to visit as many Chapters as possible. The rest of my family went all the way through with me, and I feel that this is as good a time as any to just say to every one, THANK YOU).

An idea of the way that the schedule is made up—Thursday, April 13th, Worcester; Friday, April 14th, West Roxbury Hospital; Saturday, April 15th, Manchester, N. H.; Sunday, April 16th, Bridgeport, Conn.; Monday, April 17th, Beverly; Tuesday, April 18th, 30th Anniversary Meeting, Boston; 19th of April, Party of Boston Chapter; Thursday, April 20th at 2 P. M., Budget and Auditors Committee Meeting, and the Election of Officers of Boston Chapter at night; Fri., Apr. 21st, Lynn; Sat., Apr. 22, Norwalk, Conn.; Sunday, April 23rd, Nomination Committee meeting at Boston—and so that is the way it is, the way it has been, and the way that it will be from now on until June 25th at Worcester—(But I love it). You meet such nice people. The receptions have been so cordial. The attention that I have received everywhere I have gone to try and "Sell YDVA" has been so gratifying. Especially when I had "Two Strikes on me when I went in as National Commander." All I ask from you good People of the YDVA is to give the next fellow that follows me the same break that you gave me.

On the resolutions, there is one that I feel is important, and I have covered it at all my visits, and that is the one about changing the Fiscal year from April 1st to July 1st. The enthusiasm that I have run into in my Travels with Cowboy, Goldie and all the other good fellows that travel around with me, has been great. And do you know, that we feel that we are doing some good for YDVA. Well this makes us happy. The membership this year is greater than at any time in our history, with the exception of 1946 when so many WW-II YD Men joined up and then did not re-up the next year. The membership for next year is away ahead in proportion to last year at this time, and from what it looks here, we feel that we will be away ahead the coming year. Will you give me a lift and pick up that phone and call one of the boys and ask him did he "get it up" this year as yet. Thanks, I knew you would. On the Car Drawing, we will wind up with the same amount of Cabbage to the good as we had last year. Thanks again for the way that you have gone through with me on that one. The day may come, and sooner than you think, when we will not have to Beg for money in this manner to keep such a great outfit as ours alive. The Budget Committee met on April 20th at Boston and they set the business end of the Organization in order, up and until December 31st, 1950.

You have heard me and read my feelings towards these great YDVA Men—This is my "Swan Song" as a writer for Yankee Doings as the Month of June will be given over to the Convention. But to you Ed Miller as Chairman, Ben Bourn, Al Herman, Lee Redfield, Freddie Jones, Denny Brunton, Pete Bourget, Cowboy Jim Sullivan, Earl Eaves and Guy Watts.

Thanks—If it was not for you Great Fellows, I would have been a Flop as National Commander. The Budget Committee feels that we will be well out of the Red when I step out as National Commander on June 24th, but it is the desire of these Died In The Wool YDVA Men that we have a Cushion for security. They remember the Dark Days, and you may be asked to show Your Courage in the near future. At that time we feel that you will not be found lacking. The State Dept. of Mass. met at the Boston YD Club on Sunday May 7th. National Treasurer reported at Bridgeport that we have money in the Bank, and that all bills are paid. Even the Doings for the Month of April that had 44 pages in it has been paid for. What a change in a year.

We were bumming some paper to mimeograph the Doings on last Year. Please do not let us go back to them Dark Dreary Days. Also at Bridgeport, the New Haven Chapter came before us upon a request, but they were able to handle it themselves. They are a great bunch of good fellows, and we do hope that everything will iron itself out right. There is a report from the Nominating Committee in another part of Doings. That Round Table Discussion prior to the National Executive Committee is quite a thing. It solves many a problem, and is very enlightening to the National Executive Committee. John Copley of New York got out of a sick bed to attend the Bridgeport Meeting. Space will not allow me to thank all the Chapters for the nice way that they treated us, but to you one and all—Thanks. Manchester, N. H., threw a party for John Dunlap. PNC on April 19th. John moved to Brewster, Mass. May 20th, Added National Convention; May 21st, National Executive Committee Meeting, Biltmore, Providence; June 18, Worcester.

## "THE BADDIES AND GOODIES OF YDVA"

"*Memo's of a Midnighter*—The members at Large wonder what happens to them under Farquhars Resolution to appoint delegates. They are left out in the cold, but of course, the resolution has to be voted on first. If I was a member at large, I would not do too much worrying about the resolution. Al and Sue Herman put on a great Party at Norwalk. The "Dugout" in Al's Home is "Out of this World" — All YDVA — Everything was good, (Even the Flit).

Ray Doucette put on a Great show at the Lynn Installation and treated his Nibs and Cowboy very good. In the Feb. issue of Doings, Earle Holbrook of Worcester wrote a real good article for the uplift of the spirit of YDVA. In the April Issue, Gardner Hall of Willimantic also followed suit and we were inspired with the YDVA enthusiasm that he showed to us. I ask all to take a peek at the nice Article that the Rev. Royal K. Hayes has in this month's issue. A Real YD inspirational message. You may have something in your mind along the same line, and why don't you sit right down now and put it in writing, For the GOOD OF THE YDVA. There are rumors around the "Circuit" that there will be a contest also for National Executive Committeeman.

Some of the "Parliamentarians" say that "Tis Not Right" for a member of the Nominating Committee to pull a Lovi Dovi. You name me and I'll name you. (Hogan and Farquhar were on the Nominating Committee). (Danvers take note:—Eleven hundred in the Red, March 31st, 1949—$1447.68 in the Black, March 31st, 1950).

The Ladies Auxiliaries had a bang up meeting in Worcester Sunday, April 23rd and plans are going good for their election for National Officers. The Chicago Chapter sent in a resolution which is printed in this issue. Baldo was named on the Executive Committee, but he is the Department Commander of the Middle West, which means a vacancy on the Executive Committee.

—Knocko.

## THANKS

March 14, 1950

Earle S. Eaves, Treasurer YDVA
200 Huntington Ave.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Comrade:

The Department of Massachusetts Yankee Division Veterans Association Auxiliary desire to make a contribution toward the cost of publishing the Doings.

Enclosed is check for Ten Dollars.

Very truly yours,

Florence L. Tarleton,
*Dept. Treasurer.*

## HEY THERE, DANVERS

Now that the Winter is over, and the mail is delivered every day to you Farmers, and you know what is going on, it would make Ralph Turgeon and myself happy if you would just let us alone. Ralph and I ran against each other and that was THAT—Ralph and I have been, and are the very best of friends. Why should any person or Chapter try and spoil that Comradeship. Ralph did a great job as National Commander. Every YDVA man knows that, whether you like Ralph or not. The ideas and plans that Ralph started I have continued. And I am looking forward to the CONTINUATION OF THE POLICIES OF RALPH TURGEON in the election as National Commander of COWBOY JIM SULLIVAN. On April 22nd, 1950, Ralph sent me the following letter:

50 Main Street, Hatfield, Mass.

Ed:-

Please believe me when I say that I truly regret that I could not devote the time I intended to give to YOU this year to further the Associations welfare. The fact is that I spent the entire winter looking for a new location to start my oldest son in business when he graduates from Cornell in 1951.

I should like to compliment you upon the many things you are doing this year, things that should have been done many years ago. Your Budget Committee under the able leadership of Edgar Miller has done a most outstanding job. And the Ways and Means Committee under Dennis Brunton will probably turn in a better performance than they did last year. Furthermore, the revision of the constitution is a project which was not attempted last year because of lack of time. All in all, the projects which you so personally have so vigorously promoted this year will, I know, leave our Association, at the end of your term of office, on a sounder footing than it has ever been before.

My sincere wishes for a successful Convention, and with all good wishes to you for a successful conclusion of your year at the helm of the finest Divisional Association in existence today, I am.

Yours in comradeship,

(RALPH)

Ralph A. Turgeon, PNC, YDVA

Personally, I regret that I was compelled to print the letter that Ralph sent me, but Ralph and I felt that for once and for all, the YDVA should know there is no member, Clique, or Chapter that is bigger than the YDVA itself—we are all one—we are Brothers—and the sooner that these "poison pen" men realize it, the better off the YDVA will be.

—Knocko.

## "A THREE HORSE DEAD HEAT"

Well Boys, there you have it—three good men—and all three names came out of the Nominating Committee as Candidates for National Commander. And if you ask me, that's the way that it should be. Pat Healey, Mike Dell Isola and Cowboy have been campaigning for the past six months, and it would have been a shame if the Committee brought out one of the three names and neglected to name the other two. I have been "Blazing Away" at this at every "Whistle Stop" that I have made for the past few months. It is the best thing that ever happened for the YDVA—a good clean fight. The election conducted properly, under the supervision of the Election Committee at the City of Worcester. The Chapters lining up for one Candidate or the other. Members "Going Out On A Limb" for one of the three Candidates. The membership should just pile up in the YDVA. The Convention will be a corker. The arguments for and against the three candidates. They are beauts—I hear them all, and I see plenty. The Anti this and the Anti that. From what I see, the only three that are not against each other is Pat, Mike and Cowboy. It's too bad that we could not vote for all three of them. It will be on the level, you can rest assured of that. The YDVA is too big an outfit to have anything sour happen. This is a notification to all who are interested that I am calling a meeting at 2 p. m. in the Biltmore Hotel in Providence, R. I. on Sunday, May 21st, with everyone welcome in the open Forum to discuss and lay plans for the election—I DISQUALIFY MYSELF FROM ANY ACTION TAKEN DURING THIS CONTEST. REASON: — I AM INTERESTED IN ONE OF THE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER. Pat, Mike and Cowboy are well capable of handling the situation. They can name the committee, the procedure, the ballots, the time of voting, the tellers, and all other details. May the best man win, and after, Remember YDVA first, last, and ALWAYS.

—Knocko.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

At a regular meeting of the New York Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association held on January 12, 1950 at which meeting a quorum was present and voted, the following resolution was regularly moved, seconded and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS the strength and vitality of the Yankee Division Veterans Association rests in and derives from the several Chapters in which the membership originates and exists, and

WHEREAS under the present method of representation at National Conventions the several Chapters, as such, have no vehicle by means of which the opinions and wishes of the majority of the members within such Chapters, may be expressed and recorded at National Conventions, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Amended Constitution of the Yankee Division Veterans Association be further amended by deletion of Section 4, article 8, and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following:

"The National Convention shall Consist of the elected National Officers and one delegate and alternate from each Chapter and one additional delegate and alternate from each Chapter for each additional 50 members, or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been paid to the National Treasurer prior to the opening of said Convention. The Delegates and alternates shall be elected by the several Chapters not less than two weeks before the first day of the Convention, except that when before the first day of the Convention, except that when additional representation is warranted by an increase in membership, the Chapter may provide the method of electing additional alternate and delegate up to the time of the opening of the National Convention. Each delegate shall be entitled to cast one vote on all questions and elections. All Past National Commanders, while in good standing in any Chapter of the Association, shall be Life Delegates to the National Convention without alternate and shall be entitled to cast one vote on all questions and elections if actually present at the time the vote is taken", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 5 of Article 8 of the Constitution be amended to read, in lieu of the present wording:

"Such elected National officers and duly accredited delegates and alternates elected by the respective Chapters, present at a National Convention, duly called, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Convention. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by a majority of the delegates present from this Chapter. Alternates shall have all privileges of delegates except that they shall not be entitled to vote unless representing a delegate not present", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 8 of the Constitution be further amended by insertion of an additional section designated as Section 6, which shall read as follows:

"No person who is not a duly accredited representative or alternate shall have the privilege of the floor, except by unanimous consent, or participate directly or indirectly in any vote."

Rolf P. Nerder
*Secretary*

Robert B. Dickson
*Commander*

New York Chapter

# MAKE YOUR RETURNS ON THE CAR DRAWING AT ONCE

# Additional National Convention

An additional National Convention has been called for Saturday, May 20th, at National Headquarters, Boston, and the following will be acted upon.

Delegates shall comprise the Nat. Exec. Committee. (Farquhar)

Recognition Nationally of Ladies Auxiliaries. (Gen. Paul)

Past State Commanders shall serve on Nat. Exec. Comm. (Turgeon)

Past Chapter Commanders shall serve on Nat. Ex. Comm. (Anastae)

There will be one member on Nom. Comm. from each Department:—and that said member SHALL be appointed by National Executive Committee (French)

Change of Date of Fiscal Year from April 1st to July 1st. (Miller)

National Officers shall abide by budget (Bourget)

Ways and Means of the upkeep of the YDVA be considered on a Yearly basis. (Brunton)

The Treasurer be empowered to transfer the Life Membership money to the General Account, if and when necessary (Eaves)

Revenue from Future Nat. Conventions (Poirier)

Junior and Senior Vice Commanders (Rutter)

National Executive Committee shall be governing body between Annual Conventions (Bourne)

Closer contact between YDVA men that are in Hospitals with National Body and Chapters (Jones)

Historian that we have had working on History has not made a move in six months, and it is time to make a change to assure us of the History (Watts)

National Treasurer shall be allowed Travel Expenses (Redfield)

Volunteer Assessment of fifty cents for additional 3 months of year, if and when we change the fiscal year from April 1st to July 1st (Herman)

Nominating Committee shall meet the first day of the Convention and the election of National Officers shall come from the Convention Floor at the Annual Meeting and Election (Chabot)

There be a Committee to work with Ladies Auxiliary (Sullivan)

National Body to defray some of expense of State Departments and there be closer contact between National and State (Maxwell)

Outgoing and incoming State and Chapter Commanders shall serve on Nat. Exec. Comm. until Annual Convention (McPhee)

Expenses of National Commander Shall be kept down BY Chapters that request him to defray some of the expenses (Surls)

National Treasurer Shall be Bonded (Hawthorne)

National Executive Comm. shall meet the third Sunday of every month. They shall at all times reserve the first Sunday for Mass. and the second Sunday for the Conn. State meeting, and whenever possible, the National should hold a joint meeting with State (Connors)

That we oppose the Hoover Report recommendations that apply to Veterans and Veterans Administration (Doherty)

Organize the Sons of the YDVA (Goss)

Join National Combat Veterans Association (Brennan)

Aid and Assistance to YDVA men confined either to Hospitals or to their home (White)

Upkeep of Memorial at Camp Edwards (Carter)

National Publicity for YDVA (Dickson)

Widow or Mother of deceased YDVA man to receive Yankee Doings upon request, without charge (Hunt)

Resolution on Meritorious Certificates (Woodcock)

Past National Commanders Medal or Badge (Crosson, Allentown)

National Aid and Assist the newly formed Chapters (Sheppard)

National Aid the Chapters that have run into tough luck and could use a little immediate assistance so that they can keep going (Edwards)

All writeups that go into Yankee Doings MUST be Cleared through the Editor of Yankee Doings and can not be sent direct to Printer for publication or advertisement in Yankee Doings (Holbrook)

That National Commander Shall serve but ONE term (Smith)

Submitted for Your Consideration,

E. J. McCormack,
*Nat. Commander.*

## For The Benefit Of The Resolution Committee

Joe Surls and Al Herman, Co-Chairmen of Resolutions. Make out a resolution as follows:- Resolved, That the Executive Committee shall name the Nominating Committee, and be it further resolved:- THAT NO MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CAN NAME HIMSELF, OF BE NAMED BY ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO ANY OFFICE, OFFICIAL OR HONORARY OF THE YDVA.

At the Nominating Committee Meeting on April 23rd at Boston, Hogan of Springfield and Farquhar of New York, named or had themselves named to the National Executive Committee at Large. AND THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. FARQUHAR WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

—Knocko.

## Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

Article XIV shall be amended so that it shall read as follows:

Section 1. The National Executive Committee shall cause a Nominating Committee, composed of one member from each of the nine Department, to meet prior to 60 days before each Annual National Convention, to nominate the National Officers and the other members of the National Executive Committee. The nominations of this committee shall be published in an issue of YANKEE DOINGS preceding the Annual Convention.

Section 2. The members of the Nominating Committee shall be designated each by his respective Department, but in the event that such designation is not forwarded to the National Executive Committee within 30 days after it is requested then the National Executive Committee may designate a member from such Department.

Section 3. Present Section 2 to be renumbered.

Section 4. Present Section 3 to be renumbered.

E. F. Miller, Chairman
Budget Committee.

## YD AUXILIARY

A meeting of the committee for the formation of a National Auxiliary YDVA was held at the Worcester Club on Sunday, April 23, with 30 members present.

Plans were made to hold another meeting at the YD Club, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, May 20, at 2 P. M.

A letter was drawn up to be sent to all known auxiliaries and in other cases to the chapters asking them to refer the letter to their auxiliary. This letter invites the auxiliary members to be present or to send suggestions.

It is planned to have a meeting on Friday at the Clam Bake in Worcester and another Saturday morning at which National Officers will be elected. Those members who are admitted to the meeting Saturday for election of officers will have to show a paid up due card in some auxiliary. All YD women in Worcester for the convention are urged to come to the Tea, Thursday, and to attend the meetings planned for Friday and Saturday.

Carrie E. Rowell, *Chairman*
Florence L. Tarleton, *Sec. Pro. tem.*

## HOW ABOUT A YD CHAPTER IN BREWSTER, MASS.

A letter has been received from Past National Commander John W. Dunlap that he is moving from Manchester, N. H., and locating in West Brewster, Mass., on Cape Cod and going into the Tourist business.

James O'Brien, former Captain of Co 'E' 101st Inf., WW I, has lived in that town for the past three or four years.

Also Lawrence Woodbury, of the 101st Sanitary Train, has been living there for some time.

## HONOR GRADUATE

Those of us who remember Major Arthur Burke who was killed in action while leading a battalion of the 328th Infantry will be pleased to know that another member of his family is carrying on in the Military Service. Second Lieutenant Mildred Burke was the Honor Graduate of the Third WAC OCS at Camp Lee Virginia this month. Her first assignment will be at Fort Bragg.

## ALDRICH HOTEL

April 20, 1950

Fred Jones, Convention Chairman.
Y. D. Club of Worcester.
Dear Comrade:

Above date received my copy of 'Yankee Doings' Note under the heading Convention News Hotels of Worcester, Mass. a list of the local hotels.

I have a list as supplied by the local Chamber of Commerce through the Hotel Assn., a list similar to the one published in Doings. I say similar because the list that I have had for several months includes the Aldrich Hotel. In fact the Aldrich Hotel leads the list because of the alphabetic chronology.

It is possible that the Aldrich Hotel was omitted through an oversight. However, wish to make the following statement and you may accept same for what it is worth. The writer is a member of the Worcester Hotel Assn., am a member of the Yankee Division Chapter of Worcester, since 1944 (was a member of a Chapter outside Worcester for a number of years previously). Have been approached for an advertisement and have agreed for same. Believe that I am the only veteran that owns a Hotel in the city.

Thanking you, Yours in comradeship,

D. M. Lauf

## JOE'S SECOND RELIGION

By Royal K. Hayes

His name was not Joe but he was a symbol of all the Joes who served in the Yankee Division during both World Wars. Joe took his death sentence like a real soldier. He had asked for the truth and his doctor had told Joe that he had less than a year to live. Joe had watched men die in France. He had attended many funerals of departed comrades in the past quarter of a century. Now Joe knew that the chips were down. Father Time was slugging him against the ropes for the long count.

Joe put his personal affairs in order. He did not change the routine of his life. Joe had received his orders and he resolved to keep his rendezvous with death like a soldier. He knew that his family would attend to his funeral and that he would receive a decent burial. Joe made one special request of friends and relatives. He asked his loved ones and a few comrades who served with him overseas to be sure that when he was mustered out of life that his YD ring accompany him on the final journey down the long long trail.

Taps sounded through the hills. Joe had gone home to meet his God and the comrades he had not seen in thirty years. Joe proudly wore the YD when he met the last enemy of man. He carried the YD on the last objective. The objective every YD veteran must make alone. The YD was a second religion to Joe as to many other veterans who had served with the Division. Our departed comrades have left spaces in our ranks. We the living must assume the responsibility of carrying on the traditions of the Yankee Division.

In this age of confusion and confliction, ideologies patriotic citizens must take a stand for God and country. We who served with the YD have the privilege of standing up and being counted. It is our duty to raise our voices against the enemies who sneer at the philosophy of democracy. We cannot compromise with traitors. In union there is strength and by increasing our membership in Y.D.V.A. we can carry on the ideals of Joe and the legion of comrades who never let us down.

Money opens and closes many doors. Money and power are the futile goals of men who seek the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Millionaires leave the world naked and alone. Front-page names are soon forgotten. Money and power will not give a man the right to wear the YD ring or button unless he once served with the Yankee Division. Membership in Y.D.V.A. is a privilege that was earned the hard way. Men who served with the Yankee Division share a common heritage. They speak a common language.

As we journey toward the sunset of life let us practice the YD spirit of cooperation in days of peace. There are many men who served with the Yankee Division who are eligible for membership in Y.D.V.A. It is our responsibility to approach all potential members and extend to them the welcome hand in the true YD spirit. We who once played a role of historic significance in a great combat division possess the sense of belonging to a group of real men.

In this age of clashing ideals it is good to have definite loyalties. To Joe and the other YD veterans who now belong to the ages, YD meant more than simply two letters in the alphabet. The YD stood as an emblem of hope at zero hour. It meant comradeship and understanding when the going got rough. At journey's end it meant Your Duty done. It meant Joe's second religion.

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

At a meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association held at 8 P. M., March 28, 1950, in the Morrison Hotel, City of Chicago, State of Illinois, it was the unanimous opinion of the members present that the following resolution relating to amendments of the by-laws be adopted and that a copy of these resolutions be submitted to the National Executive Committee so that they will be submitted to the National Convention, which will be held in Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1950, for adoption.

"THAT WHEREAS, the Yankee Division Veterans' Association has reached a point where it is no longer confined to the six New England States and is becoming National in scope, and

"WHEREAS, the office of the National Commander is becoming more exacting on the time of the incumbent, and

"WHEREAS, the office of the National Commander is an Honorary Office, with no monetary consideration attached thereto, and

"WHEREAS, with the expansion and growth of the Association to cities outside of New England, that the National Association act as a National organization and not a local organization, and

"WHEREAS, the present Articles of the By-laws are not adequate to cope with the expansion,

"BE IT RESOLVED, that Article XI be amended to read as stated below and that Section 1, Article XV be eliminated entirely."

ARTICLE XI

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. The annual convention shall elect a National Commander, a Sr. Vice Commander, a Jr. Vice Commander, a National Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, one National Chaplain, one National Historian, a National Judge-Advocate, a National Americanization Officer and a National Service Officer.

The National Commander shall appoint a National Sergeant-at-Arms for the duration of his own term of office unless sooner removed by him.

Section 2. The annual convention shall elect a National Executive Committee which shall be composed of the National Officers; the Commanders of each of the nine Departments; every Past National Commander or Past National President of this Association whose active membership shall be in good standing, and five members at large, with no two members at large coming from the same department.

Section 3. Such National officers and members of the National Executive Committee so elected at the Annual Convention shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Annual Convention and thereafter until their successors are duly qualified and elected.

Section 4. The National Executive Committee shall appoint a National Secretary, who shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Annual Convention and thereafter until his successor is chosen. The National Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint an Assistant Secretary on the recommendation of the National Secretary.

Section 5. The same as Section 4 of the 1946 Amended Constitution.

Section 6. The same as Section 5 of the 1946 Amended Constitution, with the insertion of — "except that traveling expenses of the National Commander, the Sr. Vice Commander, the Jr. Vice Commander and the National Secretary, incurred in the performance of their duties, may be approved by a vote of the National Executive Committee."

Section 7. The National Commander, the Sr. Vice Commander, the Secretary, Assistant Secretary (if there is one), the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer shall perform the duties and have the power usually incidental to their offices, excepting that the National Executive Committee will have complete jurisdiction over the duties of the National Secretary, his assistant, and the National Treasurer and his assistant. All other officers shall perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the National Executive Committee.

Section 8 and Section 9. The same as Sections 7 and 8 of the 1946 Amended Constitution.

ARTICLE XV

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Eliminate all of Section 1.

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# DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

**National Commander: Edward J. McCormack, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.**
**National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.**

## DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

**Commander: Wallace A. Burnham, 15 Grove St., Haverhill, Mass.**
**Secretary: Edwin W. Streeter, 17 Bartholomew Terr., Peabody, Mass.**

### STATE MEETING
**Boston, Mass., May 7, 1950**

Meeting opened at 3:00 p.m. Roll call of officers. The following Chapters were represented: Athol, Boston, Danvers, Haverhill, Lynn, Salem, Springfield, Worcester.

Guests: Commander Dept. of R. I., Joseph L. Bourget; PDC Al Shabbot of R. I.

The following officers of the Department were installed by the National Commander: Jr. Vice Commander, Harvey Bishop; Judge Advocate, Emil Thibault; Historian, Walter Coan.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted with one omission. Treasurer reported a balance of $47.44.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Budget Committee laid on the table at last meeting. Commander Burnham called for volunteers for Committee. Following volunteered: Noyes, Boston; O'Connor of Boston & Cleveland; Hamilton of Haverhill; Crokan of Springfield; Chambers of Boston; Thibault of Salem; National Commander McCormack of Boston who was appointed Chairman.

A MOTION was made to have a drawing to raise funds for the State Dept. Laid on Table.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion was made by White of Boston, Seconded by Holbrook of Worcester to endorse JAMES H. SULLIVAN of Boston for National Commander of YDVA. James Sullivan stated his qualifications and reasons why he should be endorsed by the State Department. Vote was called by the Commander and it was voted unanimously to endorse James H. Sullivan for National Commander.

A MOTION was made by National Commander McCormack to have the State Dept. support Andrew Lemon of New York against Farquhar and Earl Holbrook of Worcester against David Hogan of Springfield, both for National Executive Committee-at-Large. Motion passed.

Resolution read by Sullivan of Boston regarding status of Veterans in the School Dept. Boston Teachers Alliance had asked for abolition of Veterans preference in teaching appointments in Boston School System. MOTION by Sullivan of Boston, Seconded by Connor that the State Dept. go on record as favoring the resolution against the abolition of Veterans preference: Motion passed.

MOTION was made, Seconded and PASSED that the Secretary have new Dept. stationery printed.

GOOD OF YDVA: Past Nat'l Commander Jones spoke on advance registration for the Convention. Holbrook spoke on the Clambake.

Beret collection $7.56. Balance last month $47.44. Total on hand $55.00.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting June 4, 1950 at Worcester at 2:00 p. m. Edwin Streeter, *Secretary*.

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### STATE MEETING
**Springfield, Mass., April 2, 1950**

Meeting opened by Commander Maxwell at 3 o'clock in the hall of the Springfield Chapter. Motion made to dispense with the regular order of business and proceed with the installation of officers.

National Commander McCormack was installing officer with State Sgt. at Arms assisting. The following officers were installed.

Service officer—Harold Nute, Worcester Chapter
Historian—Walter Coan, Salem Chapter
Sgt-at-Arms—Ernest Meteyer, Haverhill Chapter
Chaplain—W. Perry Tarleton, Haverhill Chapter
Treasurer—Clyde O. Elliot, Worcester Chapter
Secretary—Edwin W. Streeter, Lynn Chapter
Jr. Vice Commander—Harvey Bishop, Danvers Chapter
Sr. Vice Commander—Michael P. O'Connor, Northampton Chapter

Commander—Wallace Burnham, Haverhill Chapter

The Historian and Jr. Vice Commander were installed by Proxies.

Following the installation, which was attended by a large group of friends and members of the Auxiliary and members of various other Veteran's Posts, Commander Burnham made his acceptance speech thanking the Department for the confidence they had in him in raising him to the highest office in the State Department, and asked for the continued cooperation of all the Chapters.

Past Department Commander Maxwell was presented with the P.D.C. button by National Commander McCormack.

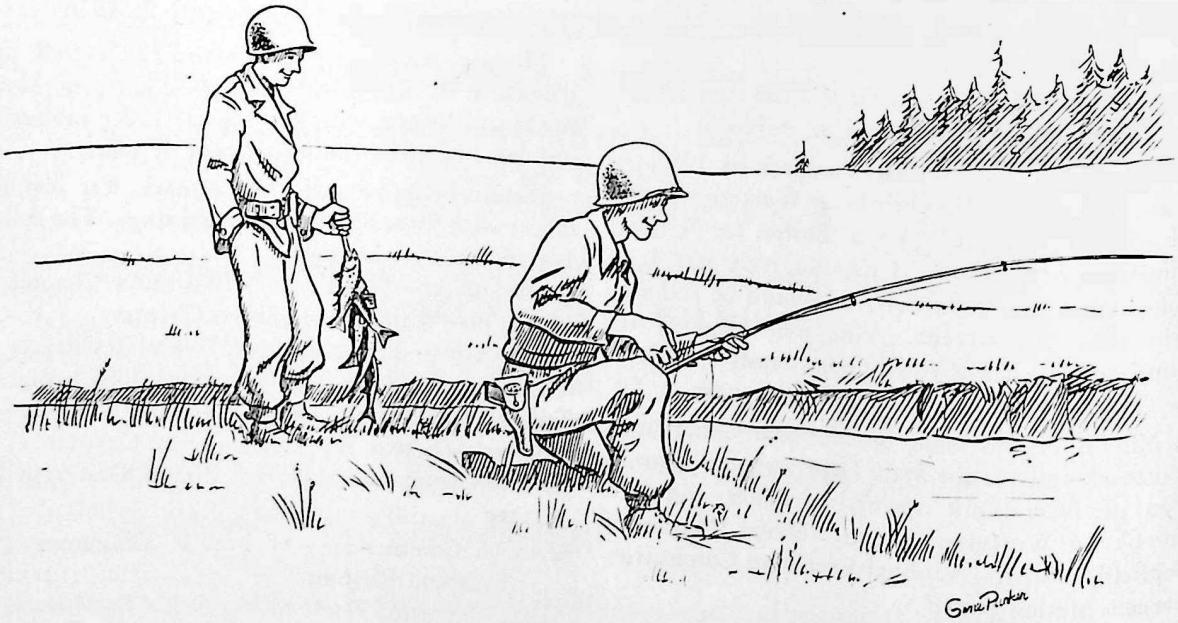
Guests were then introduced.

Mrs. Helen Rea, President Mass. Dept. Auxiliary, pledged the support of the Auxiliary, and wished the commander and his officers success.

Maurice P. Healey, Commander Dept. of Connecticut, wished the Commander well, and pointed out the fact that he was NOT a candidate for the office of National Commander for the coming year, UNLESS THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PLACED HIS NAME ON THE BALLOT.

Past National Commander Fred Jones was called on for a few remarks, and he wished the best of luck to the Commander and his officers. He then gave a report of the progress that has been made to date by the Convention committee, and called on Earl Holbrook to outline the housing situation for the registered Conventioneers. His theme was, Register early and don't get left out.

National Commander McCormack wished the new officers of the Department a very successful year and spoke at large on organization for the betterment of the Association as a whole, and to bring out one point in his talk, he asked National Hospital Chairman Frank White to speak on what the Association was doing in the way of taking care of the sick and disabled members of the Association. Frank lauded the Lynn Chapter for the manner in which it takes care of hospitalized veterans of Y. D., and said that cards were being prepared for distribution to all Veteran's Hospitals which will be used to record the name and outfit of the hospitalized veteran and this information will be sent to National Headquarters who will in turn notify the Chapter to which the patient belongs. Too many members of the Association are being neglected by their Chapters because no notice of illness was sent to the Chapter to which the veteran belonged, and, consequently, through no fault of the Chapter the member doesn't re-up for the following year and a member is lost to the Association, when, if the Chapter had known about the case, cards and visitations would have been made for closer relationship and better feeling all around. This is really worth while.



Past Auxiliary President Carrie Rowell was presented with a P. D. Aux. President's pin by Past Dept. Commander Maxwell.

Roll call of Chapters: Attleboro, none present but report of progress was made by National Secretary Watts. Boston 5, Fitchburg 5, Haverhill 6, Lynn 4, Northampton 1, Plymouth, none but report of progress made by National Commander McCormack. Reading 2, Springfield 22, Worcester 16. All Chapters present reported progress.

Sr. Vice Commander O'Connor reported the progress on the so-called Beano bill. Discussion from the floor on ways and means to raise money to help defray the expenses of the Department Commander in the course of duty throughout his term of office.

Reverted back to new business for a motion to appoint a Budget Comm., to look into ways and means of raising funds for State Department, amended to have Commander appoint this committee at the May meeting. Both amendment and motion passed. Voted to hold May meeting at Boston Chapter Quarters, 200 Huntington Ave., May 7th, 1950 at 2:00 P. M.

—Edwin W. Streeter,
*Mass. Dept. Secretary.*

## BEVERLY

**Commander: Daniel L. Haskell**
**3 Goldsmith Ave., Beverly, Mass.**
**Secretary-Treasurer: George Bright**
**4 Whittier St., Beverly, Mass.**

The annual meeting of Beverly Chapter was held in the quarters of "EARLE T. WARDELL" Post No. 12, American Legion on the evening of Monday, April 3rd with Commander Edward Prisby presiding and Comrade Harold Heald taking the Chaplain's chair. The membership joined the Commander in saluting the flag of our Country. A communication from the Washington, D. C. chapter asking the assistance of Beverly chapter in disposing of tickets to raise monies for new YD flags for decorative purposes on the graves of YD graves in Arlington National Cemetery was read, and tickets were readily disposed of after the meeting. A motion was made and seconded that we dispense with the regular order of business and proceed to the nomination and election of officers for the coming year. After the voting was accomplished, Past Commander Frank L. Smith moved that the Secretary cast one ballot bearing the names of the new officers. Seconded and voted. The results are as follows:-

Commander—Daniel L. Haskell
Vice Commander—Bruce Lancaster
Secretary-Treasurer—George Bright
Chaplain—Harold Heald
Sergeant-at-Arms—William F. Driscoll (Re-elected)
Trustees—Fred Brodhead for 3 Years
George Bright for 2 Years
Robert J. Standley for 1 Year

It was the consensus of opinion that we have the Installation of the new officers on the evening of Monday, April 17th, with the Department Commander Albert C. Maxwell as the Installing Officer if he should be available, and if not; that we have our Senior Past Commander, Frank L. Smith do the honors. The Secretary to communicate with the Department Commander at once and ascertain if he will be available. The new officers to be a committee to arrange for the ceremonies. A light colation will be served afterward by the Chapter.

—Daniel L. Haskell,
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

## BOSTON

**Commander: Richard P. Sullivan**
**15 Wilcox Rd., Dorchester, Mass.**
**Secretary: H. Guy Watts**
**200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.**

The Month of April was one of the busiest months for the Boston Club. Starting with a meeting on the 5th of the 1st Division Vets. Assoc. Boston Chapter: The 9th Division on the 10th; Marine Corps on the 11th. D. A. V. Chapter 44 on the 12th. YD Post No. 290 A. L. on the 13th. W. A. A. C.'s on the 14th. M. T. A. Employees had a catered dinner on the 18th.

The 19th was the largest Party held since the last Convention. It was a Patriot's Day rally and the turnout exceeded expectations. The comment was that there should be more of these times. Everyone had a wonderful time.

At least once in our time we did have a real hard working committee, headed by genial Johnny Dennihan (Eds note: this is the correct spelling) as chairman, assisted by Johnny Rogan, Albert McPhee, Charlie McLeod, Fred Jackson, Goldie, Lew Con-

nolly, and Jack Smith. Everyone did his share and more.

A special line must be reserved for our hard working Ladies Auxiliary. These ladies, chairmaned by their President Irene Melville, were our mess detail. They came early and stayed until the last lad and his gal left the Club, happy and mellow. Many thanks to them, that is the Auxiliary.

We like to add that we uncovered some exceptional talent among our members. From solo's to mass singing, from tap dancing to a free for all performance by all of those in attendance, the talent just bubbled over with ability.

Frankie Lewis of the M.P.'s started out as the M. C. representing WW-II and he then turned the 'mike' over to our National Commander Eddie McCormack who carried on only as Eddie can.

Socially and financially there can be no complaint. We did miss a lot of you fellows and I bet right now your kicking because you did not attend. Well, don't miss the next one that will be held on May 29th.

On the 20th we held the regular monthly Smoker and also the postponed election of Officers for the coming year. The following were elected: Richard P. Sullivan Commander; Samuel H. Hingston, 1st Vice Commander; Timothy C. Doherty, 2nd Vice Commander; Fred L. Jackson, 3rd Vice Commander; Albert M. Pacifici, Treasurer; H. Guy Watts, Secretary; Directors for one year: William F. Connors and Martin Sullivan; For two years: George A. McDonald and Leslie E. Perry; For three years: John M. Dennihan and Albert E. McPhee.

On the 21st the Federal Employees Assoc. met downstairs. The 22nd the All Navy (Constitution) Post No. 3339 V. F. W. held their Installation with their Auxiliary in our Main Hall. Sunday, the 23rd the National Nominating Committee met and drew up a slate for National Association (Report on another page). On the 25th the Suffolk County Voitre of the 40-8 held their monthly Promenade. On the 26th the John Hancock Veterans held their monthly dinner and Smoker. On the 27th the P. O. W.'s got together for their first meeting. They are the ones that really had a tough time overseas by getting captured. And last but not least the Chapter No. 44 of the D. A. V. held their Installation.

On May 29th the Club will hold the Installation of the Club Officers for the coming year. We are inviting each and every member of any Chapter in the Association to attend and we guarantee you a good time. The same Committee that made the April 19th party a success will work on this party. It is good news to learn that Jack Currier (E Co. 101 Eng WW-I) is on the mend. He has been taken off the dangerous list at the West Roxbury Hospital and has started crabbing, so he must be getting better.

—H. G. W.

## DANVERS

**Commander: Webster L. Blanchard**
**38 Locust Street, Danvers, Mass.**
**Secretary: Charles W. Davis**
**21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.**

We will have our Old Timers and Past Commanders Night next Wednesday, April 26 at Mrs. Pike's Inn, and it look like a large turnout. We will have our National Commander Knocko and his Sgt-at-Arms Cowboy Jim with us and it looks like a big night. I promised the boys a surprise and they are all wondering what it will be, well, seeing as how the meeting will be over and by the time this goes to press, I can say now that all who attend will be given a YD tie clasp. The surprise will be when they see the bill for same.

Dues are coming in fairly well. We have 21 paid up and by next meeting I expect to have at least 10 more. Last year we ended up with 46.

At the last meeting of the club someone asked the following question how come Knocko says he took the YD out of the red and Pauley of the 104th HA COMP says yes how come I attended the YD Convention in Boston and from what I heard read our last Commander Ralph Turgeon had us out of the red and a nice balance in the black. Now without trying to cast any reflection on Knocko and his hard working Committee, who have done a swell job this year, the boys in Danvers Chapter want to give a little of the credit for our financial condition to where it belongs—namely to Ralph Turgeon who we must all admit did an outstanding job as Commander. I don't want to start a controversy but there it is Knocko. The Danvers boys want to know how about it, did Ralph get us out of the red and yours truly knows that he did, or what's the angle.

You know these YD boys from Danvers don't attend the convention but brother do they read Yankee Doings, if you don't think they do just change places

with me and skip an issue. Boy do they blast me.

Well on to Greenfield April 28 and then Worcester in June. We will be seeing you.

C. W. Davis, *Secretary*.

## HAVERHILL YDVA AUXILIARY

**President: Alice DeLoria**
**66 Portland St., Haverhill, Mass.**
**Secretary: Ruth Meteyer**
**36 Old Groveland Rd., Bradford, Mass.**

Haverhill Auxiliary has had a very busy year so far; a large attendance at meetings and dues are coming in faster than in other years. On March 26 a group attended the Department Auxiliary Installation in Boston. A very nice installation and the Haverhill Auxiliary wishes for Dept. President Helen Rae the very best for the coming year.

Eleven of the chapter and auxiliary members attended the banquet of the Salem Chapter and Auxiliary and as always it was a pleasure to visit our good Comrades in Salem.

On March 25 we celebrated the birthday of our own auxiliary with a catered supper in the Dugout. We were very happy and honored to have our National Commander Edward J. McCormack, Mrs. McCormack, Jim (Cowboy) Sullivan and Mr. Goldman of Boston with us for this occasion. Department Commander Albert Maxwell and Sgt.-at-Arms Ralph Wilson were also with us. The six past president's of the auxiliary present were presented with YD Corsages by President Alice DeLoria. Past President Lillian Brindamour came all the way from Florida and Past President Bertha Welch, from Old Orchard, Maine. That's what I call true YD Spirit.

At present we are getting ready for a PENNY SALE for our Hospital Fund to be held on May 12. We are also carrying on the friday night whist parties.

For the second time we have a member of the local chapter as Department Commander. Comrade Wallace Burnham was installed in Springfield with a large delegation from this city present. Best of luck.

Auxiliary members are busy knitting afghans for the hospital at Rutland, so I hope that I will be forgiven if I fail to put news in the Doings as often as I should.

—Ruth Meteyer, *Secretary*.

Front row: P.P. Bertha Welch, Old Orchard, Maine; P.P. Ruth Meteyer; President Alice Deloria; P.P. Carrie Rowell, and P.P. Mattie Greenleaf, Haverhill.

Back row: Ralph Wilson, Sgt-at-Arms; P.P. Florence Tarleton; D.C. Albert Maxwell; D.C. elect Wallace Burnham; P.P. Lillian Brindamour; Chapter Commander William Hamilton.

## FITCHBURG

**Commander: James D. Meffen**
**411 North St., Fitchburg, Mass.**
**Secretary: William E. Kuriger**
**15 Harding St., Fitchburg, Mass.**

Yes, Comrades, you surely did turn out for the April Meeting, as we had an attendance of 60 men, resulting in a very lively business session. Practically all in attendance were paid up for 1950, and those of you who have not paid your dues yet can get in touch with me or Bob O'Brien, and we will put you right up to date.

On the sick list are Frank Bean who is at the Burbank Hospital, Gaylord Wenzel is also up on the Hill, and John Maston is also on our sick list according to Acting Chaplain Al Ruberti, pinch hitter for John Renda who was unable to attend the meeting. We are hoping that all of our sick comrades will be well enough to join us in May. As we make plans for the Convention.

Comrades Tom Kennedy and Col. "Bill" McBride, telling of the fine marching ability shown by the Fitchburg Chapter at Worcester at a previous Convention, will head the marching unit this year, and they urge every man to participate if at all possible. Tom made a motion; nominating Bob O'Brien Chairman of the Committee to contact a band to accompany this year's delegation, working with Bob will be Gene Godin and Charles Lunetta.

The winner of the attendance prize was Arthur J. Pierce and a handsome prize it was. We were all happy that Arthur won as he is a very loyal member, and we see a lot of him at the meetings. Drawing the winning number was Joe Cormier, who signed up in the last two weeks, he served with the 101st Inf. in WW-II, and Commander Meffen would like to welcome many more new members of both Wars, as there are still a lot of men who have not signed up and they are eligible to do so.

Brownie Amastae and Charles Lunetta are challenging all comers at the Cribbage Board, and Ed Bryce and Charlie Audet are quite proud of their positions at the Canasta Table, so let's give them a little competition. The game played by Harry Roberts and Reg Gaunthier has them a little worried, but they will not admit it.

Well fella's, see you on May 8, 1950 in Fitchburg, a very important meeting, so try to make it. Don't forget the 1950 Dues, So much for so little.

—Bill Kuriger, *Secretary*

## LYNN

**Commander: Charles E. Benway**
**35 Mt. Pleasant St., Lynn, Mass.**
**Secretary: Edmond Trudell**
**67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.**

Annual election of officers was held and the following selected and installed at the Hotel Edison, April 21st:

Commander, Charles Benway, WW-II. Senior Vice Commander, Leon Varnam, WW-I and WW-II. Junior Vice Commander, Sheldon Goodwin, WW-II. Treasurer, A. Raymond Doucette for the 21st term. Secretary, Edmond Trudell. Chaplain, Walter Smith. Historian, Percy Paige. Sgt.-at-Arms, Charles Banos. Trustee Trust Fund, Eustis Grimes. Executive Committee, Charles Scanlon, Roy Knox, Leonard Burnham, Thomas Curran, William Eddows, and Edwin Streeter.

State Commander Wallace Burnham was the installing officer assisted by his Sgt.-at-Arms.

Guests included Mayor Stuart A. Tarr of Lynn, National Commander Edward McCormack and members from several Y. D. Chapters as well as representatives from all Greater Lynn Legion, V. F. W. and D. A. V. Posts and Chapters.

Following the men's installation the ladies took over and Mrs. Charles Benway was installed as President of the Auxiliary and it was very colorful with State President Helen Rae doing a splendid job.

A collation was served and dancing enjoyed until a late hour.

—The Duke.

## NEW BEDFORD

**Commander: Alphonse Fortin**
**20 Reynolds St., New Bedford, Mass.**
**Secretary: Dester D. DuBois**
**106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.**

Next meeting will be held on, May 9th. Commander Fortin's first meeting. So come on down and give the new Officers encouragement and a good start. Chowder will be served at this meeting. Francis Darcy promised to furnish the Quahogs and Walter Johnson will make the chowder. P. C. Barter will bring the coffee. The rest is up to you. At the last meeting, raffle of the Bottle took place and Comrade Honore Michaud won it and he served a drink to the Comrades, but Michaud didn't know it until two days after, good sport that Michaud.

At the May meeting plans will be made for Memorial Day Exercises. One day that should be a MUST on your list. A short march from Lake St. to the Battery D Monument, where Memorial Services will be held and lunch served at the Quarters after the service.

At the March meeting, a Delegation of the Holland Chapter was invited by Commander Blanchette, to attend our meeting. The purpose was to help the Holland Chapter find Quarters for their meetings. They are Veterans of a local 26 Division Battery who served in WW-II and are all eligible for the New Bedford Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. At this meeting a lot was said about the members of the Holland Chapter joining the Y. D. Chapter and the advantages of their gain. Their argument was, that they want to keep their identity. Their point is good, but they are Yankee Division veterans and if they joined our Chapter they would have the YD affiliation with other YD Chapter veterans, with whom they have served with in WW-II who are scattered throughout the Country in other YD Chapters, whereas, their outfit is isolated to New Bedford and to die out the same as other local outfits have in the past. The Holland Chapter could be perpetuated in Y.D.V.A. and to live as long as there is a 26th Division. Whereas, the New Bedford Chapter is not named for any Veteran. I cannot see why our Chapter could not be named for the Holland Brothers as the Holland Chapter of the Y. D. V. A., if these veterans could see the logic of an affiliated organization instead of an Isolated outfit. Of course, this is my personal opinion, and I would like to know what you Y Ders think of the idea. You realize that our ranks are fast depleting and those of us that are around hate to come out nights even to a meeting and we cannot operate an organization without meeting and work on the part of the membership, officers alone can not do everything.

Young veterans in our Chapter is what is needed to activate and build up a good organization, a live and good outfit for both young and old Y Ders. Such a Chapter could be a help to Battery D in many ways. So let's hear what you think of the idea.

The known sick comrades are Ralph Swift, Francis Parker, and Ed Lucas. Drop the comrades a card of cheer. If you are sick or know of a sick comrade, let us know about it.

—Dester D. DuBois.

## NORTHAMPTON

**Commander: Douglas B. Alexander**
**Riverdale Road, Easthampton, Mass.**

**Secretary: Ernest H. Tetreault**
**48 Fort Hill Ter., Northampton, Mass.**

Our Annual Installation of the Chapter and Auxiliary, was held at Rahors Inn, Sunday, March 26, 1950.

After a delicious Chicken dinner with Edw. J. Wright as master of ceremonies the following officers for the Chapter were installed by Past National Commander Ralph A. Turgeon and his Sgt.-at-Arms, L. Powers Fulton.

Douglas Alexander, Commander; Edward Poudrier, Senior Vice Commander; Alfred Dubois, Jr., Vice Commander; Edward J. Wright, Treasurer; Ernest Tatro, Secretary; Francis Pothier, Chaplain; Col. Leon J. Lavallee, Judge Advocate; Michael P. O'Connor, Historian; George Latham, Sgt.-at-Arms, and Harry R. Kneeland, John P. Bombard and Louis Bramon as Trustees.

The Installing Officers for the Auxiliary were Past State Dept. Pres. Catherine Crokan with her Sgt.-at-Arms Florence Fletcher.

Sgt.-at-Arms Florence Fletcher seated Mrs. Elsie Greenough as President; Stella Lavallee, Senior Vice President; Helena Latham, Junior Vice President; Helen Peltz, Secretary; Florence Clark, Treasurer; Exilda Dubois, Chaplain; Catherine Winniger, Sgt.-at-Arms; Lillian Poudrier, Historian; Frances Packard, Pauline Bombard and Yvonne Ezyh as Trustees.

At the conclusion of the Installation, Mrs. Francis Packard presented her officers with little gifts and Past Pres. Pauline Bombard presented Mrs. Packard with her Past Presidents' Pin.

There were about seventy guests among who were Mayor and Mrs. Luke F. Ryan, Rep. and Mrs. John J. O'Rourke, and Alderman and Mrs. Francis W. Hogan.

A short entertainment of Magic was given by Mr. William Miller.

President Alice Greenough
Secretary Helen Peltz

## SALEM CHAPTER

**Commander: Arthur P. LeBel**
**233 Lafayette St., Salem, Mass.**

**Secretary: Ernest J. Pelletier**
**22 Mt. Vernon St., Peabody, Mass.**

On Saturday Eve., April 1, 1950, The Salem Y.D. held their Annual Past Commanders' banquet and installation of Officers and Auxiliaries at the Pequot Mills cafeteria.

This year's past commanders' banquet was the largest attendance to date. Our hats off to Past Commander Nap Leblanc who was chairman of the affair.

City officials who attended were Mayor Francis X. Collins. His Executive Secretary James Foley. (Member 101 Inf. WW-II. State Rep. Durkin, City Councillors and their wives, Ernest April, Norman Davies, John H. Burke, Francis M. Griffin, Thomas F. Tighe, Wilfred J. Poitras and Francis Rafter.

National Commander Edw. McCormack, State Commander Albert Maxwell, State Commander of New Hampshire, Michael Del Isola, State Officers Commander Elect, Wallace Burnham, Haverhill. State Chaplain Perry Tarleton of Haverhill. President of Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Helen Ray of Boston. Past State Commander Ernest Meteyer of Haverhill and PSC Leon Varnum of Lynn. State Junior Commander Elect Harvey Bishop of Danvers.

Officers installed: Commander Arthur Lebel, Bat. D 101 F. A.; Senior Vice Commander, George Bingle 104 Inf.; Junior Vice Commander, Charles Kosgarian 101 Inf. WW-II; Secretary Ernest Pelletier 104 Inf.; Treasurer, Charles Laforme Bat D 101 F. A.; Historian, Gus Madore 104 Inf.; Chaplain, John Burbine Bat D 101 F. A.; Judge Advocate, Emile J. Thibault Bat E 101 F. A.

Executive Commiteee: Nap Leblanc Bat D 101 F. A.; Max Perry 104 Inf.; Lucien Pelletier Bat D 101 F. A.; Edward Rennick Bat D 101 F. A.; Elmer Remon 102 F. A. WW-II, and Emile Gagnon Bat D 101 F. A.

Ladies Auxiliary installed were President Marolyn Chandler; Senior Vice President, Honora Morard; Junior Vice Presidet, Theresa Pelletier; Secretary, Clair McPherson; Treasurer, Juliette Thobodeau; Chaplain, Ellen Pelletier; Historian, Marian Pelletier; Sgt.-at-Arms, Jennie Cormier; Trustees, Anna Morin, Jackie Coan, Louise Thibault and Marie St. Pierre.

Retiring Commander Elmer Remon was presented a Past Commanders' Ring, for a job well done, and Commander Elect Arthur Lebel says he is going to do his darndest to continue the good work. We know he will.

That's all for this month.

—Donald Duck Thibault.

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## SPRINGFIELD

**Commander: William Bolack**
**36 Maple Court, Springfield, Mass.**

**Secretary: Hugo Scagliarini**
**165 Middlesex St., Springfield, Mass.**

Once more, the time to write a little something for Yankee Doings rools over, so here goes.

So far, yours truly hasn't acquired the usual spring fever as the weather, for the most part is enough to keep one quite chilly around the edges. The Springfield chapter is still in there pitching for all it's worth, trying to gain more members, also striving to have enough activities at the clubhouse to keep things more interesting for all the members. By the time this is read, our annual Sports Night will have been past history, also a dinner put on by our auxiliary. Incidentally, the card party held April 12, for the benefit of the Auxiliary inclusively was a huge success and congratulations to Mrs. Ann Valentine and her committee for making it so, much hard work and planning went into this undertaking.

On May 10th, another card party, to be held jointly by the auxiliary and the chapter will be held at the club. The usual numerous door prizes and mystery prize will be given away. Another dinner will be held early in May, the exact date has not been set yet. Chairman of this dinner committee will be Roy Coons. On Memorial Day Eve, the annual Past Commander's Dinner will be held. Normally, the chairman of this event is the previous Commander, but due to a change in his working hours, Past Commander Hackett had to relinquish the chairmanship, so Comrade Roy Coons kindly consented to take over. Here is something to remember, there will not be any card parties or dinners held at the club during June, July and August, due to the fact that June is convention time for the Y. D. V. A., and of course in July and August most people's thoughts turn to vacations.

On April 16th, another paper drive was held and again it was a huge success, there must be at least fifteen tons of the stuff in the garage in back of the clubhouse. The Auxiliary teamed up with the chapter on this venture by preparing and serving a hot meal to the boys that did the work. I, for one hope that the recently held 104th night stirred up some interest in the Y. D. locally especially among WW-II boys. We have a fine clubhouse here with a bar, library and plenty of card rooms for friendly games of course.

It is now 10.45 P. M., way past my bedtime, the eyes are staring to close up on me, and the fingers are getting numb, it must be old age creeping up on me, well, it could be something like that.

So long until next time,

—Hugo Scagliarini, *Secretary*

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## WORCESTER

**Commander: Maurice E. King**
**109 Mill St., Worcester, Mass.**
**Secretary: Harold J. Esip**
**28 Northboro St., Worcester, Mass.**

Installation night was a gala affair here at the Worcester Chapter last month. It was a packed house from 7:00 P. M. until club closing time and I believe it would have ran several days if our local laws would have permitted. I overheard one gent remark that he hadn't had so much fun since the last time he went to a Polish wedding. Laughing, joking and good natured ribbing rang throughout the club quarters. As for Food—What a Meal. Or should I say Meals. We ate twice and that's not counting seconds we had in the first meal. The main dinner was so delicious that Earl "Franky Boy" Holbrook in his rich mellow baritone voice sang "You Made Me Love You" and dedicated it to the chef and waitresses who did a grand job in getting a tasty meal on the table seconds after it had been cooked.

In the midst of gaity, a trumpet sounded, and as the roll of the snare drums echoed throughout the halls, a military figure rose from his seat (next to the kitchen) and accompanied by one piccalo and two off key harmonicas, strode jauntily to the rostrum. You could hear an A-Bomb go off it was so quiet. Then out it came. Was it an H-Bomb? Was it the gas station across the street blowing up? No siree, it was Past Commander Henry "Humphrey" Russell cutting loose with a few of his war time ditties. Henry sang fourteen verses of "Horsey Keep Your Tail Up" and several verses of the "Prune Juice Serenade." His high tenor voice not only proved enjoyable but also his recitation of poetry. Henry's own original "A Salute To Daddy Edwards" was well given. The large picture of Daddy Edwards appeared to look down at him and smile as the salute to this beloved leader was given.

For a time we though we would have a call in the Senator McCarthy Investigating Committee to check up on a sinister character prowling around taking notes, but it was later disclosed that the villain was none other than Gene Gilliam with a false nose, eyeglasses, a long black coat and derby. Gene's disguise was so perfect he had Mary Butler, president of the Auxiliary, give him a write up on the joint installation, without being detected. An excellent job of installing was done by Dept. Commander, Walter Burnham of Haverhill and Sgt.-at-Arms Ernest Meteyer also of Haverhill. Our National Commander Edward 'Knocko' McCormack captured the attention of his audience with every word he spoke. Commander McCormack gave us the situation of the Y. D. both National and State. It was an excellent and interesting speech putting all of us up to par as to the past and present of the organization.

Fred Jones, general chairman of the National Committee spoke on the importance of these conventions being held and the vast amount of work behind one. He urged all to get on the band wagon and register now and to attend this coming convention to be held here in Worcester in June.

Past Commander David M. Hayes (A new Daddy for the second time) thanked his outgoing officers and briefed us as to the major strides taken during his term of office, such as the forming of the first Auxiliary and important changes in our By-Laws. Last but not least, our new Commander Maurice King. Maurice thanked the body for placing him at the head of the best military organization in the country. Under Commander King, we all know that the Y.D. Chapter in Worcester will be headed for an active and prosperous year. Believe it or not gents, but all this was free. Are your dues paid for the coming year?

—Hal Esip.

### WORCESTER
### YDVA AUXILIARY

**President: Mary C. Butler**
**14 Fairfield St., Worcester, Mass.**

**Secretary: Mary T. Boyd**
**13 Chilmark St., Worcester, Mass.**

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Worcester was installed with the Chapter Members in a joint installation on April 13 at 8 P. M. in the Y. D. Club in Worcester. State Dept. President Helen Rea of Boston and State Dept Sergeant-at-Arms Marie McDonald of Boston were the installing officers. The following members of the Auxiliary were installed as officers.

President—Mary C. Butler
Sr.-Vice President—Signe M. Nute
Jr. Vice President—Mary J. Gilliam
Secretary—Mary T. Boyd
Treasurer—Alice Bird
Chaplain—Susan M. Noponen
Historian—Florence Gould
Sgt.-at-Arms—Yvonne T. Grenier
Trustees—Elsa Fanning
Ann Crowley
Nora Johnson

Now that we are starting a new term we are concentrating on the coming National Convention to be held here in Worcester on June 22-25. We need lots of women workers to aid Convention Chairman Fred Jones and his staff. As Secretary I have sent out over two hundred cards to wives of our Chapter members asking them to attend our next regular meeting on April 20th and I do hope to see several new faces at this meeting. We want to help to make this Convention a memorable occasion for all visiting ladies.

So ladies whether or not you belong to an Auxiliary get your men to send in right away two registrations, one for himself and one for you. We will make your stay in Worcester a pleasant and happy time.

—Mary T. Boyd, *Secretary.*

## DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

**Dep't. Commander: Harold H. Rutter, 16 Victory Ave., So. Portland**

### ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY

**Commander: Alton F. Jepson**
**18 Fairmount Ave., Auburn, Maine**

**Secretary: Norman S. Thomas**
**150 Sabbattus St., Lewiston, Maine**

At the April meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association Mike Dell Isola, commander of the Dept. of New Hampshire; Harold Rutter, Portland, commander of the Dept. of Maine; Bill Scharland, commander of the Portland chapter; Bill Love, Elton Walker, Gerald Cressy, Victor Erickson, and Jim Cunningham all of the Portland chapter and William J. Melanson, Springvale, were the guests. An oyster stew supper was served.

Alton F. Jepson, 18 Fairmount Ave., Auburn, discharged from Rutland some few months ago was elected commander and presided. Other officers elected were George E. McCarthy, Lisbon Falls, senior vice-commander; George T. Ricker, Lewiston, junior vice-commander; Jesse C. Farnum, Lewiston, treasurer and Norman S. Thomas, Lewiston, secretary. A report was given on the annual World of Mirth carnival project and a sizeable donation was voted to the current Red Cross drive.

Dell Isola, Rutter and Scharland spoke on matters pertaining to veterans' legislature and on activities in the Yankee Division Veterans Association. The "bar" opened after the business meeting and a "friendly game" closed the evening's activities.

Chairman Michael F. O'Brien of the sports committee brought up the matter of joining the Taylor Pond Yacht club but it was voted down as the group was decidedly anti-navy in their ideas. It was voted to organize a rifle team and Eugene Beaudoin was named to organize the group. Bill Roach, first commander of the local chapter, who has returned to town after several years at South Portland volunteered to assist Joseph Cychol in his proposed school for fly and bait casters on the shore of Parsons' Pond where the clubhouse is located. Treasurer Farnum reported the Chapter as thriving financially.

The club meetings are held at 7:00 P. M. at the clubhouse in Auburn on the first Thursday of every month.

# DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

**Dep't. Commander: M. Patrick Healey, 41 Washington St., New London, Conn.**
**Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.**

## STATE MEETING

National Executive Meeting opened at 2:15 P. M. and after a long and strenuous meeting adjourned at 5:20 P. M.

Dept. of Conn. State Meeting was called to order by Commander Pat Healey at 5.25 P. M. P.N.C. Ben Bourne immediately moved to suspend all business so that we could proceed with the installation of the Dept. of Conn. State Officers. P.N.C. Al Herman who was the installing officer, was then called up to the rostrum by Commander Healey who presented Al with his gavel and requested him to proceed with the installation. Pat then took over the Sgt.-at-Arms job and did a very good job of it. The following officers were installed:

Commander, Wm. O'Neil, Jr.; Sr. Vice Commander was absent; Jr. Vice Commander, Thomas H. Porter; Secretary, H. Leroy Woodcock; Treasurer, Sam Marcus; Chaplain, Harold Mitchell; Service Officer, Jack Carter; Judge Advocate, Dwight W. Chapman; Historian, Joseph Schurk; Legislature, Ben Bourne; Sgt.-at-Arms, George Carlos.

P.N.C. Al Herman introduced the several P.N.C.'s and Past and present State Commander. They were from Conn., Mass., R. I., and New Hampshire. Al had the Sgt.-at-Arms present Dr. Sprague to the rostrum where Knocko presented him with a Certificate of Meritorious Service for the splendid job he has done for the Veterans for a good many years. Joseph O'Connell was escorted to the rostrum next, when Al presented him with a Certificate of Meritorious Service for the splendid help he gave us a year ago on our welfare raffle. Sam Marcus was chairman of this affair but as Sam was sick at this time, that New Haven spark plug Fred Hirsch took over and carried on to a very successful finish.

P.N.C. Al Herman next called on Knocko who gave an interesting resume of his work and travels as National Commander.

Commander Wm. Vallery of Feegal-Tyler Post in Meriden announced that on Mother's Day, May 14th, Meriden is to unveil a monument to the Gold Star Mothers. It is planned to hold a large celebration and parade with Military, Civic and Religious orders taking part. So Comrades, Commander Vallery wishes to have the Y. D. make a big showing in the parade; keep this date in mind. As Mother's Day comes on the second Sunday in May, the Dept. of Conn. will hold their State Meeting on the 3rd Sunday unless it is voted down and cancelled. The May State Meeting will be held in New Haven, Conn., the place to be announced later.

Was pleased to see a delegation from Stamford and Valley Chapters.

The returns for Who's Who in Y. D. are very slow in coming in. If any Chapter needs more of the books, drop me a line and I will mail them to you. They sell for 50c and the profits go into our Flower Fund.

May Meeting, New Haven, Conn.—place to be announced.

June Meeting, Waterbury, Conn.—Annual Y. D. Memorial Service by Father Anderson in Trinity Church, June 11th. This is one State Meeting all Y. D. comrades should make a very special effort to attend to honor our departed comrades.

—H. Leroy Woodcock, *Secretary*

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## BRIDGEPORT

**Commander: Eric H. Erickson**
**263 Hawley Street**
**Bridgeport, Conn.**

**Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo**
**1928 Seaview Avenue**
**Bridgeport, Conn.**

At the last Chapter meeting the Election of Officers were held. The following officers were elected.

Eric Erickson—Commander
William McElroy—Vice Commander
Martin Norup—Junior Vice Commander
Bill O'Neil Jr.—Chaplain
Joseph Wynkoop—Treasurer
Samuel Zolo—Secretary

Arrangements were finished for the coming Sunday get-together of the National Officers, State Committee and the installation of officers.

Sunday, April 16 all who are somebody in the Y.D. turned out to meet our National Officers and were glad that they did. They are sure a great bunch

of fellows who work hard for our organization. Visitors from all parts of our State were present and after the business was over with an installation of the State Officers, refreshments were served by the ladies of our organization and it sure was fine. Due to the large crowd the ladies worked very hard. Many thanks to the Mesdames Cockerton, Norup, O'Neil, Jr., Wynkoop, Zolo, Collier, Murray, Fray, May, Flanagan, and a young lady, the sister to Mrs. O'Neil whose name I did not get. Thanks to you all for the good work done.

The details of the meeting will be reported by the State Committee report and National report, so no need for me to give them.

—Samuel Zolo.

## HARTFORD

**Commander: Howard Titus**
**45 Main St., Rocky Hill, Conn.**
**Secretary: Carroll B. Case**
**23 Harvard St., Hartford 6, Conn.**

We are happy to advise our members that the officers for the coming year are as follows:

Commander—Howard Titus
Sr. Vice Commander—Wallace Gladwin
Jr. Vice Commander—George Farnsworth
Secretary—Carroll Case
Treasurer—Henry Beebe

With such fine officers and the continued cooperation of the membership Hartford Chapter can expect another fine year. Howard Titus served with the National Guard on the Mexican Border, and World Wars I and II and in civil life is with the U. S. Treasury Department in charge of the sale of U. S. Savings Bonds in the State of Connecticut. Good Luck Howard to you and your officers for 1950-51.

There is still interest in the sale of tickets for the car drawing and all are urged to make their returns early to National Headquarters. Every member should do his part in supporting this cause.

## TORRINGTON

**Commander: Ernest E. Novey**
**107 Pythian Ave., Torrington, Conn.**
**Secretary: Erman V. Cavagnero**
**33 French St., Torrington, Conn.**

Owing to the fact that the armory is getting a general overhauling, our March meeting was held at the Italian-American Veteran's Home on Migeon Ave., both for which we are very grateful. (For the benefit of out of town comrades, the Italian-American Veteran's Post of Torrington was named in honor of one of our deceased comrades, namely Giovanni Cavallari, who was gassed March 17th, 1918 at Chemins des Dames, and died a week later in the Field Hospital.) The meeting was the largest we have held in some time, as many turned up to pay their dues for the coming year.

As I have been assigned to keep something in the "Doings" each month, let's have a little "Lost and Found Column" for awhile. If any former member of Co. "M" 102nd U. S. Inf. wishes to locate any former buddy, just drop me a line and I will see that it appears in the "Doings."

I will start it off with "where is our last Captain, Peter Napiecinski, formerly of Twin Cities, Michigan?" I would like to tell him now I forged his name to the morning reports one morning and got away with it. I was so scared afterward that I could see a mirage of Leavenworth for months. Also there was a lad from Circleville, Ohio, that I often think of, but have forgotten his name. If he reads this will be please drop us a line?

Come in now and find out where your buddys are and what they are doing.

Old Co. Clerk
C. Fred Newbury,
R. F. D. No. 1
Litchfield, Conn.

## WINDHAM COUNTY

**Commander: Patrick Haggerty**
**R. F. D. No. 2, Willimantic, Conn.**
**Secretary: Gardiner H. Hall**
**South Willington, Conn.**

By the time this is out the Annual Installation will be a thing of the Past. As usual we have another good leader taking over the Drivers seat. Commander Pat Haggerty is the man. He expects a good year and plenty of assistance from the rest of us. Pat says there are a few stray YD men around and is out to sign them up. Installation with a Turkey Dinner, Dancing, etc., will have rounded out no doubt a very enjoyable evening. Guests from the other Veterans Posts will no doubt be on hand and we hope to have had our National Commander and State

Commander as well. Considerable work is ahead. One of the Important items will be decided upon before too long. That of raising Funds for the Chapter. No funds, no fun and no Chapter either. Cash is needed for various purposes principally for items that don't come under the heading of entertainment. Your support is requested.

Remember back June 1937 and the Portland Convention. An even dozen of our Gang was there. Remember the lousy weather we had, but fun too. Well, boys, just 13 years later in June 1950 back we go to that town that put on two corking Conventions, one in 1936 and the other in 1946. Yes, you guessed it. Worcester is again the host. Another fine get-together is in the offing. If you can't make all four days make it for whatever time you can. It really is worth the time and effort you make to get there. Last weekend in June boys.

Important too is the fact that you men who have not already kicked in with your Dues please do so right now. Usually by Convention time we have a full paid up membership. Let's make it the same this year.

Doc Keating was recently made Honorary Past Commander of the newly organized D. A. V. in Willimantic. Harry Morrison who has been on the sick list for some time is reported considerably better and is back at his Office. Best Wishes Harry. Dave Joyale has returned from the Vets Home at Rocky Hill. Ray Mather youngest son of Walter Mather of Willington is to be married on April 22nd. Congratulations to the happy couple. Roy McBee has returned from a Trip to Florida. Charlie Maass is on a trip now to the same place. Tom Delaney who has been in Florida is expected home anytime now. Nelson and Mary Wraight have a new son. Congratulations. Note PDC Lindgren is back in circulation again. A little cooperation like it used to be would help a lot from this YD Comrade. Your Secretary and Mrs. celebrate their 15th anniversary on the 6th of April. The Secretary celebrates his birthday on the 9th.

Most important news we guess is that *which* reached us recently announcing the birth of a new daughter to Evelyn and Dave Semel. The new addition will be known as Eileen Ruth. Congratulations to the parents. Birth was on Feb. 16th.

Dr. Keating a Past Commander of YD has just been given the Honorary Title of Past Commander of the Local DAV Post. Congratulations Doc.

Harold Gray and the Mrs. have just returned from a months trip to Florida.

Politics as usual last December has put Charlie Maass out of a nice job. A Vet thrown out for a man who is a Non Vet.

Installation April 22nd should be a swell affair. We want all the Gang out for this. Don't forget the Convention in Worcester in June.

New Officers

Commander, Pat Haggerty; Senior Vice Commander, Ed Vallancourt; Junior Vice Commander, Harold Gray; Treasurer, Charles Maass; Secretary, Gardner Hall; Sgt.-at-Arms, Euclid Pimpare; Chaplain, Tom Delaney; Historian, Dr. Keating; Trustees for three years, Bob Frailey; for two years, Nelson Wraight; for one year, Elliott Moshier.

—"G. H. H."

# DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

**Department Commander: Francis Dunn, 59 Appleton St., Providence, R. I.**
**Department Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.**

## STATE MEETING

The Department of Rhode Island YDVA., held its Installation of Officers jointly with Providence Chapter, YDVA., on Wednesday evening April 5th in the Harrison St., Armory. National Commander Edward "Knocko" McCormack and his Sgt.-at-Arms Jim "Cowboy" Sullivan installed the following Officers: Commander, Francis Dunn; Senior Vice Commander, John Mallon; Jr. Vice Commander, Homer Poirier; Chaplain, William Geddes; Secretary, Howard W. Hunt; Treasurer, John Moran; Judge Advocate, Edwin M. Mara and Trustee, 3 yrs. Joseph L. Bourget.

After the ceremonies the gathering listened to short talks by PNC. Larry Cook; PDC. Joseph Bourget; Jim Sullivan and our National Commander Knocko McCormack.

During the course of the talk by Cowboy Sullivan he came out with his announcement that he was a candidate for the office of National Commander of our Association.

In addition to Jim Sullivan, Natl Com. McCormack stated that Mike Dell Isola of New Hampshire and Pat Healey of Connecticut had also come out for the office. Looks like a spirited contest again was in the making. Let's hope the best man wins and the losers will pitch in and do their part behind the winner.

Before long a new schedule of meetings and plans for the discussion of the members of the Department of Rhode Island will be announced by Dept. Commander Francis "Scotty" Dunn. Rhode Island is one of the pioneer Departments in this YDVA of ours, let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and KEEP YD ALIVE.

—Howard W. Hunt, *Secretary*

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## PROVIDENCE CHAPTER

**Commander: Guy M. Kittredge**
**99 Lexington Ave., Providence, R. I.**

**Secretary: Howard W. Hunt**
**25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.**

**Providence Chapter meets the first Wednesday of every month. Visitors are always welcome.**

Well fella's the calendar tells us that good old Spring is with us once again. Actually the weatherman is giving us something different at least. Regardless, it's time for us to brush away the cobwebs, spruce up a bit, and step out to a meeting of Providence Chapter, YDVA. Remember, you're just as old as you feel and if still have that let down feeling take a shot of vitamins, kick your heels up and head for Harrison St., Armory the first Wednesday evening of every month. There you will meet the old stand-bys who come out for an evening with the boys, a game or two of stud and to help keep our Chapter alive and healthy. Don't falter by the wayside, keep your interest in the best YD outfit in the world. As we grow older we should, more than ever, stick close to our buddies.

Here is the slate of Officers that you elected and that were Installed at our meeting on April 5th. National Commander Edward "Knocko" McCormack with his Sgt.-at-Arms Jim "Cowboy" Sullivan did a nice job at installing them.

Commander, Guy M. Kittredge; Sr. Vice Commander, Fred J. Grandchamp; Jr. Vice Commander, Leo L. Bottari; Chaplain, Edwin M. Story; Historian, James J. Girvan; Secretary-Treasurer, Howard W. Hunt; Judge Advocate, Edwin M. Mara; Trustees, John S. Mitchell, 3 yrs; Wilfred M. Bresette, 2 yrs; and Walter B. Vickery, 1 yr.

The installation was held jointly with the Department of Rhode Island, YDVA.

After the ceremonies were over Commander Kittredge spoke briefly and thanked the boys for electing him to Office. He promised, if given the proper backing that he would do his level best. After all a Commander is only as good as the membership behind him. He announced that his close friend and pal PC Wilfred M. Bresette would serve as his Sgt.-at-Arms.

Commander Kittredge called on a number of those present for short talks. First was PNC. Larry Cook who always has a worthwhile message for the gang. He promised to do as much as he possibly could to assist Commander Kittredge. He gave a report on how the Electric Wheel Chair which the Chapter donated to the Community Work Shops, Inc., last year, was doing. The young lady who is now in possession of it gets much enjoyment and comfort from it and it has been a real help to her.

PDC. Joseph Bourget spoke. He was of the opinion that YD had reached its peak and was now on the down grade. He gave as some of his reasons for so thinking, the apparent lack of interest, poor attendance at meetings, television and the old arm chair were being substituted instead of getting out to the meetings. Another citation was a shot at some of those present because they didn't have on their uniforms. Too lazy to put them on. He doesn't want to forget that some of us have had a uniform a lot longer than he has and aside from the fact that they may be a little worn, it might be just possible that some of us have put on some weight in the middle and can't get into the outfit any more. Don't worry, when the occasion arises that commands the wearing of the uniform, those of us who have them and can still get into them, will turn out in all our regalia.

National Sgt.-at-Arms Jim Sullivan spoke briefly. He announced his candidacy for the office of National Commander of the YDVA. His hat is in the ring to the finish, he says.

The featured speaker of the evening was our National Commander Edward "Knocko" McCormack. Knocko gave a very comprehensive report on the state of the Association during his term; the fact that we were now operating in the black and that our maga-

zine Yankee Doings was now a paying proposition. His theme was "Unity in the ranks of the YD." That, my friends, is absolutely right. And how! we need Unity. We can attain it too by putting the right men at the head of our great Association. In spite of all the early bickerings and set backs that Knocko had to put up with, he has done a remarkable job. Let's give credit where it is due. During the course of his talk he stated that in addition to Jim Sullivan the Department Commander of New Hampshire, Mike Dell Isola and the Department Commander of Connecticut Pat Healey were also candidates for the office of National Commander. Looks like we might have a real spirited race. May the best man win.

Knocko took a few pot shots at some of us and let a barrage go at the Chapter but to the best of our knowledge they just flitted into thin air and nothing was heard afterward.

It was announced that the National Executive Committee would meet in Providence on Sunday May 21st. Yours truly will make the arrangements for a spot in the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel where we can hold our meeting.

Howard W. Hunt,
*Secretary-Treasurer*

# DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Dep't. Commander: Michael J. Dell Isola, 34 Park Ave., Nashua, N. H.**

**Secretary: John Chesson, Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.**

**PORTSMOUTH-ROCHESTER**
**General Clarence R. Edwards Chapter**
**Commander: Don P. Hilman**
**Agamenticus Rd., South Berwick, Me.**
**Secretary: Ormond York**
**211 Circuit Road, Portsmouth, N. H.**

This chapters regular meeting was held at the Community Center at Portsmouth, N. H. The meeting was brief as all members wished to celebrate the thirty-third anniversary of World War One.

New members John Ross and E. A. Hoitt, were introduced and several last year members paid their 1950 dues.

The ladies of the Y. D. V. A. were invited to share with us our anniversary and, believe me their presence was appreciated.

Our genial Commander Don P. Hilman opened the meeting at 8:15 P. M. by asking the ladies to retire to the outer hall. This they did promptly.

N. H. Dept. Commander Michael Dell Isola presented the new charter to commander Hilman.

Comrade Shepard presented Don Hilman with an enormous gavel. This gavel was made by Al Shepard and decorated by Chris Conlon, Hilman's comment was, "This meeting will come to order." The gavel came down with a BANG.

After our meeting ended, we went to invite the Ladies to join us, but we could not get into their hall. They politely informed us that they were nominating their officers, so we waited and waited. Finally they joined us and also informed us that we now had an auxiliary and that the officers were as follows:

Mildred Hilman of South Berwick, President; Evelyn L. York of Portsmouth, Senior Vice President; Justine Bechard of Portsmouth, Junior Vice President; Nellie Woodard of Kittery, Treasurer; Thelma Shepard of Portsmouth, Secretary; Esther Peabody of Portsmouth, Chaplain; Eloween Anderson of Portsmouth, Historian; Phyllis Wormel of Dover, Sgt.-at-Arms; Grace Conlon and Laurice Harman, both of Portsmouth, Trustees.

The Auxiliary was organized and instructed by Past President, Mrs. Catherine Crokan of Springfield, Mass.

After the auxiliary officers were introduced, a brief intermission was declared and all was well until Comrade Shepard said, "What to Hell, we have an auxiliary but they are without funds." So Shep got busy and clipped all of the Chapter members for folding money only. This sum of money was presented to the Auxiliary by Dept. Commander Mike Dell Isola.

The notables present were as follows:

N. H. Dept. Commander and Mrs. Dell Isola, Nashua, N. H.; Mass. Dept. Commander, Wallace Burnham; Sr. Vice President Ladies Auxiliary of Mass. Dept. Mrs. Ruth Meteyer; Mass. Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms, Ernest Meteyer; Mass. Dept. Chaplain, W. Perry Tarleton; Auxiliary Dept. Treasurer, Mrs.

Tarleton; Past President of Ladies Auxiliary of Mass., Mrs. Katherine Crokan; Mass. Past Dept. Secretary, Thomas Crokan, Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Florence Fletcher, Past Mass. Auxiliary Sgt-at-Arms; Mrs. Ann Pluff, Past Auxiliary Chaplain of Mass.; Harry Pluff, Past Mass. Dept. Vice Commander.

Remarks by all was casual, brief and interesting.

The Gen. Clarence R. Edwards Chapter wants these grand people to know that we thank them and appreciate their effort and attendance and for aiding us to form an auxiliary here at Portsmouth, N. H.

Coffee, ice cream and cake was served and enjoyed by all. This ending a very delightful evening.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Comrades Green and Henderson..

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The next regular meeting of Maj.-Gen. Clarence R. Edwards Chapter Yankee Division Veterans Association, and its newly formed Auxiliary will take place at 8 P. M. Friday, May 6th at the Portsmouth Community Center Building.

Election and Installation of Officers will be held jointly—State Dept. Commander Michael Dell Isola and his suite to officiate.

Participation in National Defense Week activities is scheduled for consideration.

# DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

**Commander: Martin H. Chambers, 210 6th Ave., New York, N. Y.**

## ALLENTOWN

**"Lehigh Valley Chapter"**

**Commander: Paul F. Crossan, Jr.**
**633 Smiley Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.**

**Secretary: Matthew E. McHugh**
**125 E. Ettwein St., Bethlehem, Pa.**

The Lehigh Valley Chapter held its regular monthly meeting on April 2 in the VFW Home in Allentown. The attendance was a little discouraging but the enthusiasm of the few who put in their appearance indicates that this chapter has great possibilities. Several committees were formed, as follows: Membership — Joseph Rengel, chairman, Joseph Mikitka, Charles Magocs. Rehabilitation, Leonard Tedesco. Finance, Peter Harris, chairman, Robert Miller, Lee Kohler, Earl Purcell. Chaplain, Robert Slough. The Finance Committee will have a very able advisor in Phil Sousa.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 7 at the same meeting place. Plans for forming a Ladies Auxiliary were discussed so there should be some developments on that question by the next meeting. We also talked about attending the National Convention and present indications are the Lehigh Valley Chapter will be represented.

In an informal discussion before the meeting it was pointed out that the 328th Inf. receives little mention in Yankee Doings. This regiment gained glory in WW-I as a part of another Division and also upheld these standards as a part of the Yankee Division in WW-II. Try to remember that it took three Infantry Regiments plus several attached units to make the Yankee Division, the wonderful fighting outfit of which we are all so justly proud. So while each unit can be proud of its accomplishments, it should be equally proud of the accomplishments of the Division as a whole.

Well, that's all for this time and I'll be with you again next month.

—Matthew E. McHugh, *Secretary*

## NEW YORK

**"Knickerbocker Chapter"**

**Commander: Robert B. Dickson**
**320 Gregory Ave., West Orange, N. J.**

**Secretary: Rolf P. Nerder**
**448 State St., Brooklyn 17, N. Y.**

The New York Chapter Y. D. V. A. meets every second Thursday of the month in the Mural Room of the 69th Regiment Armory, 68 Lexington Ave., New York City. Many of us enjoy the inexpensive and tasty meals served in the Canteen. Our next meeting will be on June 8th at 8:30.

It is interesting to note that our attendance has increased. Our Commander would like to see the New York Chapter out in full force before the Summer vacations begin.

The Chapters Committees are hard at work trying their best to be beneficial and helpful towards its members. Of course, any suggestions will be appreciated by the various Chairmen.

One of our members, Ed Polakowski donated a flashlight to the Chapter which was raffled off. After

the computation of the coins, the Treasurer gleefully announced an increase of $7.90. Kermit Kalmer held the lucky ticket.

The next meeting of the mid-town luncheon group shall be on May 19th at the Columbia Club, 4 West 43rd St., N. Y. C.

Meeting notices sent to the following have been returned with word that they had moved or were unknown at the address given. If any member knows the present address of these men, please give the information to the Chapter Secretary.

F. W. Armstrong, William K. Banks, Roger B. Bragdon, Ernest C. Bryan, Frank A. Ciccone, Olin Collins, Edward I. Condren, John A. Daniels, Daniel Daviadoff, Donald C. Dawkins, Alfonso J. DeFillippo, Alfred A. DeSantis, Robert S. Dey, Evan D. Diamond, Thomas F. Dimmick, Ernest Fairbanks, C. F. Fiehn, Perry Finkelstein, Robert L. Fuller, Reuben Friedman, Norman Furstenberg, Manuel Gold, Donald H. Gollner, John S. Higgins, George D. Idle, William G. Ilg, Allen N. Jones, Albert A. Kavowitz, Thomas J. Kirk, Walter J. Lambert, Herbert Levy, Bernard Lobe, George W. Lonergan, Edward J. Lustberg, H. J. McCauley, Frank D. Mainous, Carlton S. Marker, Frederick C. Meyer, Arthur J. Moore, Sidney Mutterperl, Peter J. Negra, Hyman Paster, Salvatore Perilli, Donald S. Portues, Joseph Z. Rassam, R. C. Schlaier, Ira L. Schulman, Emmanuel R. Schubert, Nelson Skog, William H. Smith, Camil P. Speciens, Gustav V. Succow, James G. Thomson, John W. Walach, J. H. Weinberger, Stan S. Weingert, Joseph H. Whitcomb.

An extensive membership drive is under way, so how about coming out to see one another in the near future?

### WASHINGTON

**Commander: John H. Smith**
**6 Heskith St., Chevy Chase, Md.**
**Secretary-Treasurer: Carl C. Redinger**
**7315 15th Ave., Takoma Park, Md.**

Being as we missed being in the last issue of the Doings I'll give you a run down on the events of last month. The gang met in the Court Room over at the Pentagon and had a stormy session. Officers for the coming year were nominated and elected in the same evening. The officers who will be in office by the time you read this are:

Commander—John Smith
Senior Vice Commander—Carl Newcomb
Junior Vice Commander—Woodrow Davis
Secretary-Treasurer—Carl Redinger
Historian—Byron Carson
Chaplain—John Caswell
Trustee, 3 Years—Arthur Robitaille
Trustee, 2 Years—Carl Redinger
Trustee, 1 Year—George Young

Earlier this month we all gathered down at our friend Chris Heurich's Brewery. Chris is introducing a new Beer to Washington and we sure gave it a warm welcome. Too bad Chris isn't a YD man, we would have a swell meeting place each month. There was a guest quartet who rendered several songs in the good ole barber shop manner. By the end of the evening a couple more quartets were going, not so stylish but much louder. Seemed like old times and those of you who missed it sure missed a good deal.

The raffle is going along pretty well—there will be enough profit to insure enough money to purchase the flags. Plan now to attend the flag decorating ceremony on Memorial Day.

—Carl Redinger.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE MIDDLE WEST

**Commander: Matthew E. Connor, 5048 No. Elkhart Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.**

### CHICAGO

**Commander: Joseph P. Micone**
**5743 South Paulina Street**
**Chicago 36, Illinois**

**Secretary: Martin V. Brennan**
**6044 South Princeton Avenue**
**Chicago 21, Illinois**

The long-awaited meeting has come and gone. The Chapter met at the Morrison Hotel, March 28, 1950, and from the looks of the members present, the spritely and agile men of WW-II were AWOL. Let's see—The Commander, Joe Micone, was the only one of the younger set in attendance, so the orchids of this month go to Fick, Keyworth, Lee, Nape, McNulty (where'd he come from), O'Connell and Hubbard. Marty Brennan, the Chicago boy who made Hdqrs. of 101st famous in WW-II, couldn't attend as his young daughter is seriously ill at the Mercy Hospital, visiting night are limited, and the Y. D. meeting happened to be one of those nights. Here's

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hoping she is improved, Marty, and back home in good health by the time you read this. The writer is pinch hitting for Marty in submitting this news, and, believe it or not, I'll try to write less than what "Knocko" usually spreads across the pages of Yankee Doings. Of course, the writer was not in attendance at this meeting, and what follows is second-hand.

The grapevine reports the meeting was really one of the best for some time. (It would be, with me out of the picture.) Plans were discussed for a bingo game to be held in May, and our next meeting to be held April 18, 1950, at the Sherman Hotel. The Chapter went on record to place an ad in Yankee Doings advertising Allen Usher's (remember him from Paramount Pictures) summer resort out of Minocqua, Wisconsin. John Lee says it is a great fishing spot, but likes fishing.

The Chapter went on record to support an old member of the Chapter for National Commander. None other than Pat Healy, present Commander of Connecticut. Pat, there's only one way to get these votes. Someone from Chicago must be there in attendance, and, as we have no unit rule in voting each man for himself, you must corrall them.

Discussion relative to the amount of work involved in being a National Commander was brought up, in view of the fact that his time is not his own, being subject to the whims of various chapters for his appearance, a resolution was drawn, submitted and agreed upon that the National Officers be changed so that a Senior and Junior Vice Commander will be elected along with the National Commander, and others who are elected at the Annual Conventions. This resolution is being filed with the National Secretary for submission to the National Executive Committee for their approval before submitting same to the National Convention.

Speaking of our by-laws, how come the various chapters are not advised of changes made in them at various conventions. 'Tis true, Yankee Doings reports them, but who in hell takes the time to cut them out and insert them in the Constitution and by-laws. How about it, Guy, can not you notify chapters by mail showing these changes. I believe at Boston last year comments were made pertaining to the antiqueness of our by-laws. Any action taken on this?

In the November issue it was stated at Ed O'Connell expected to throw his hat in the ring for the honor of being National Commander. Alas, this cannot be done this year. Ed's mother is still hanging on, and he finds it impossible to leave town while she is living. At 89 years of age she has the will to remain in this world. Here's hoping for the best, Ed, from all the Chicago members.

What is the word, "Flit"? Is it some sort of a drink, or is it used for flies. Does it mean that Knocko is flitting here and there in his duties as National Commander?

Gosh! I just happened to note that I'm getting windier than the wind that blows in this Windy City. Must call a halt before I take up too much room in the Doings. In closing, I might add that the Chicago Chapter extends to Knocko it's regrets in not having him here for a visit during his term in office. It may be possible yet, but time will tell.

—Jack Donovan.

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## OHIO

**Commander: Eric F. Reich**
**3558 East 112th St., Cleveland, Ohio**
**Secretary: Ben Zuchowski**
**3881 East 54th St., Cleveland, Ohio**

The 14th annual installation party was held jointly with the Ladies Auxiliary Saturday evening, April 1st. There were 103 that sat down to a fine turkey dinner which was served in the ball room of the Alcazar Hotel.

The installation committee made these arrangements and requested the newly-elected Commander Erich Reich to prepare a program which called for the opening of the dinner by the M. C. Fred Bastel. After grace was offered by Chaplain Gohring, the M. C. asked the assembly to stand for 30 seconds in silent tribute to the memory of Gen. Edwards, his sister Mrs. Charles A. Otis, and the many departed comrades of both world wars who were now beyond recall.

After dinner, the retiring Commander Perley Wells appointed Ed Dulude as Officer of the Day and called upon Past Commander Ralph Shaw to install the newly-elected officers of both the Ohio Chapter and Ladies Auxiliary. Each representative of a like office from both organizations was presented to the Installing Officer together, and the duties and obligations were expounded to those taking up that office; ending up with the Commander and the President.

The M. C. then presented an enlarged photograph

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of Gen. Paul. A similar one of Gen. Edwards had been presented a few meetings before. He then called upon Charlie Otis, affectionately known here as Mr. Cleveland, who gave a snappy talk bristled with humor and interesting anecdotes from his long experience in civic affairs and as a life-long resident of Cleveland.

Then Judge Arthur H. Day was called upon to say a few words. Judge Day spoke about the beauty and lasting value of an association of men who had marched together, slept together and sweated it out together; and now in the peaceful serenity of civilian life are again together in clubs as law-abiding citizens trying to improve the communal life of their respective neighborhoods by their experiences gained both under combat and non-combat conditions.

The M. C. turned the meeting over to the newly-installed Commander Erich Reich who announced that with the dismissal of the meeting there will be a floor show followed by dancing. Everyone had a fine time. Our hats go off to Past Commander John McGloin who was chairman of the installation committee for a very splendid evening.

Hear the news? We have a newlywed in our midst; yes it's Ben Zuchowski, WW-II. Congratulations Ben and the Mrs. We wish you a long happy life.

—Fred Bastel.

### YDVA AUXILIARY OF OHIO

**President: Mayme Buehner**
**15639 Broadway, Maple Heights, Ohio**

**Secretary: Doris J. Smart**
**3573 E. 135th St., Cleveland, Ohio**

April 1st was the date of our Installation party. It definitely was not an April Fool's party for it was well planned, fast moving occasion from beginning to end.

A beautiful flower and palm bedecked room at the Alcazar Hotel, Cleveland Heights, Ohio was the scenic setting. The cocktail hour was from 6 to 7 with a delicious turkey dinner and all accessories served at 7:15 P. M. We dined with a soft music background.

We had a joint installation with the officers elect facing the speakers table in a half circle, and each individual set of officers stepping forward to hear their duties as outlined by Installing Officer, Mr. Shaw. Mayme Buehner presented Ann Gohring with the Auxiliary gavel and we settled down to hear from Judge Day and our own Mr. Otis.

We had a nice floor show and dancing and drinks for everyone.

We are all wishing our present officers a very successful year.

—Doris J. Smart.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE FAR WEST

**Commander: Archie E. Farr, 4116½ Tujunga Blvd., No. Hollywood, Cal.**

### LOS ANGELES

**(Southern California Chapter)**

**Commander: Roland D. Hussey**
**University of California, Los Angeles, Calif.**

**Secretary: George K. Mitchell**
**824 Cresthaven Dr., Los Angeles, Calif.**

The newly elected officers of the Los Angeles Chapter were installed on Wednesday, April 5th.

Just before the ceremonies of Installation were called for on the order of business, Commander Bill Libby reviewed the high lights of his term and expressed his thanks to all who in any way had helped to keep the Y D alive here in California. He asked that all present enroll as members and thus help the new officers off to a flying start with the gratifying result that all did.

Past Commander Mitchell served as Installing officer and Past Commander Archie Bradley as Sergeant-at-Arms using the official ritual for Installation from the YDVA manual. Here are the new officers:

Commander—Roland D. Hussey
Vice Commander—William Baltin
Secretary—George K. Mitchell
Treasurer—Ernest P. Couture
Chaplain—Stephen P. Skelskey
Historian—Francis L. Town
Sgt.-at-Arms—Earl C. Harriman
Exec. Committeemen—Harry M. McLaughlin
Archie E. Farr
Junior P. C.—William D. Libby

After the presentation of the gavel Commander Hussey thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him and said he would try to live up to their confidence. He is a Professor of History at the Uni-

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versity of California at Los Angeles and during World War 2 served with the State Department. We look forward to a good year under his energetic leadership.

Several wives were present to witness the ceremony and some members who had not been around lately. We were glad to greet and enroll as a member, Maurice Shoman, D Co., 101st., D S C and member of the Legion of Valor.

—G. K. M.

By the time this is read the 31st annual reunion of the 104th. will have been held in Greenfield. Congratulations to Capt. Ray Houghton and his committee for the terrific job that they did. The men of his committee were: John St. Germain, Bob Barnes, and Norman Whitcomb, all WW-II as is Ray, and Percy Murley and Art Dwyer WW-I. All are from Greenfield and members of Co. L. And the same to Joseph Carroll of Dorchester, WW-II, also of Co. L who did a swell job of helping Ray and his committee out.

Excerpts from the 104th Exec. Council meeting.

Commander Mackey, Gen. Palladino, and Representative Parenzo of Westfield all appeared before the state legislature and presented plans for the improving of Apremont State Park. At present things look favorable for the bill, No. 406.

While Gen. Palladino was not present he sent word that he still would like some more pictures taken during combat for the use in the WW-II history. So if anybody has any at all, how about sending them to Gen. Ralph Palladino, 29 North Gateway, Winchester, Mass. Put your name and address on each picture so they can be returned to you.

According to Gene Gilliam, who is working with Major Bird on the place for our next reunion, it looks like Worcester for '51. Plan now for next year if you missed this year's reunion.

If you haven't got your 104th card get one now. Send a buck, $1, to Larry Wagner, 201 Oak St., Holyoke, Mass. The money from the sale of these cards is used to run the organization. We gave up running a raffle in favor of this plan to get money. Get your card now.

If your address has changed during the past year send a card to Larry at the same address. We had over 3000 letters returned last year because of wrong addresses.

Last but not least Guy Watts asked that everybody who has news of 104th fellows to drop him a note at the YD Club, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass. Then he can put it in the "Doings."

—Thomas E. Moriarty.

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### "E COMPANY ECHOES"

Ye Editor has come to the conclusion that most of youse guys have writer's cramp as we get so little news from you by way of the mails run by Uncle Sam . . . a 1c postal card is an easy way to pass on news of yourselves or others you bump into, or hear about . . . What follows herein is rather meagre but is mostly the result of chance meetings around town and those are all too infrequent.

FRANK McNALLY we're glad to say — a bit enviously, withal — was able to get away to Florida early in January but has a very pleasant and efficient organization in case you're looking for batteries, as my youngest son found out when he went into that famous Mac Battery Co., 595 Albany St., Boston, (Adv) Jan. 10th to get one of those super batteries of FRANK'S (Adv) for Ye Ed . . . He even got one on credit, (Bad) . . . Judging from what was said by MAC's right-hand man, Old MAC is a pretty swell sort of a boss—which we old timers can well understand . . . FRANKIE is probably back from his vacation now, or is he? so this note may be a bit stale but we hope he got a good rest and lots of health and vim . . . HAROLD KINSMAN reports

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that WALTER JENKS is working with HAROLD'S firm, Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Engineers, at their Cranston, R. I. office . . . HERBIE WEEKS' son was in looking for an opening in the plumbing business . . . We hope he was able to land something he liked. . . . He, like most of our sons, is a big edition of his old man, and a fine upstanding lad . . . SIG HEIDEN is head of the Claims Dept. of the Insurance Co. of North America . . . (Hope we have that name right; our hastily written note in a 'phone conversation with ORVILLE CASELEY isn't too clear!) . . . SIG has two sons, both married, one just graduated from college and the oldest one with the Travelers Insurance Co. . . . SIG is a golf enthusiast of no mean ability, we understand . . . Saw "CUNNY" CUNNINGHAM on School St. in January . . . He was looking o. k. . . . HUTCH saw JIM CHISHOLM late in January and said he was looking fit enough to step right into the ring again.

RAY BRIDEN wrote us on Feb. 6th and reported that just after Thanksgiving an old ulcer condition gave him a lot of trouble which led him to the hospital . . . All was going well till he got pneumonia after the operation and then he had a heck of a time which involved a lay-off of a couple of months . . . We're happy to say that at time of writing he was in the pink again . . . If any of you remember hearing over the radio, and seeing in the papers about a chap inheriting several million dollars after about 150 had claimed the inheritance, you may be interested to know that the lucky guy, Hollis Gale, was BILL PLUMMER'S brother-in-law . . . Before World War I, Gale was a member of Co. "B" First Corps of Cadets, our alma mammy . . . Having lost track of our good Captain LANGLEY, we wrote to the Adjutant General of the Army in Washington on Feb. 16 to see if we could locate him . . . The other day we received a letter dated March 16 saying that the latest address they had for him was Route 1, Riviera, Texas . . . so we'll send one of these "Echoes" to him to see if we can make contact again.

JOHN FOLEY sent us a card March 5th from New Orleans where he was spending a few days on business . . . Hope you enjoyed Antoine's and Gallatoire's JOHN . . . OKIE O'CONNOR'S brother Bob became a Chrysler-Plymouth dealer on March 1st — O'Connor Motor Sales Co., 22 Mass. Ave., Arlington, and our informant said he understood OKIE was going with him . . . No more details but we wish them the best of success when that big strike is over and the cars begin to roll off the assembly lines once more . . . Those of you around New England have probably received your cards about the Engineers' Reunion on April 8th at the Cadet Armory . . . The various Companies take charge from year to year and this year it is "E" Co.'s turn with FRED CAMPBELL at the helm, so it's up to the old gang to make a special effort to show up an enjoy themselves.

With some hesitation, we agreed to let the First Corps outfit send out a notice to the "E" men hereabouts concerning the drawing for the Permanent Fund . . . the other day we received a letter from the Chairman of the Committee in charge saying that they had had the best response from "E" Co., so apparently you all weren't offended and I hope that you win most of the prizes! . . . Saw HAROLD BROWNSON'S name in the paper the 17th of March in connection with some big blasting done out in Woburn by his Company.

Just to fill space, and possibly to amuse you, we thought we'd report another case of "there's nothing new under the sun." . . . We always have thought it was great psychology the way we were taken out after dark in our War and told to dig a trench what seemed a few miles long, with the admonition that we'd better dig fast because by daylight we'd be in full view of the Boches . . . We thought it was an especially dirty trick when, after digging deep, we moved along and had to do it all over again . . . W-e-l-l, in reading a little publication issued by a friend of ours which had as its chief topic the evacuation of Boston in 1775 or 1776, I read, and I quote: "The amount of work done during the night is amazing, considering the ground is frozen 18 inches deep. The trenching party consists of hardened farmers and there is an urge to complete a breastwork that you can shelter behind in the morning when you expect to be shot at."

Saw WARREN McLEOD in the South Station on March 21st—just to say "hello" en passant . . . and here's the last note saying I think I saw JOHN ROONEY when I looked out my window toward State Street while telephoning a few days ago . . . It was a nice healthy looking guy of about his approximate dimensions anyhow . . . The "E" Co. fund was nourished since last issue by HAROLD KINSMAN and RAY BRIDEN . . . Now we sign off as usual at the beginning of our 31st year.

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Bernie Gaffney of WW-I passed away and 40 members of the old outfit showed up to pay him respects at the Mulrey Funeral Parlor in Dorchester. He was buried on Monday, April 3rd and Co. B men acted as Pall Bearers. Knocko read out the YDVA Ritual services at the Funeral Parlor on Sunday, April 2nd. Bernie had been ailing for a long time.

On April 19th at the YD Club B Co. joined with the other members of the YD Club and had a great time at the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Club. On April 20th we also met at the monthly meeting at the YD Club and there was a good turn-out from both WW-I and also from WW-II. It was voted that we meet in the YD Club in Worcester on Friday, June 23rd at which time we will have the pleasure of joining with the other 101st Inf. outfit at the YDVA Convention. The next meeting of Co. B will be held on Thursday, May 18th at the YD Club and we would like to have as many join with us as is possible. Knocko has been very busy as National Commander and we do not see too much of him around the Club as he is out every night with his Sgt.-at-Arms, Cowboy Jim Sullivan and also with Goldie. There are very few YDVA Chapters that they have missed, and between now and the time that Knocko goes out on June 24th, it looks like that they will cover them all.

Mimi Panico, *Pres.* George McDonald, *Sec.*

### CORRECTION

Please accept the following correction which occurred in the April issue of Doings. Page 41—Article headed C-Co 101st Inf. should have been C-Co 101st Engineers WW-I—Thanks.

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GEORGE F. MARTIN, formerly of Co. 'L', 104 Inf. WW-I collapsed and died suddenly at the State House, where he was a representative from his home district in Turners Falls, on April 7th. Former members of his Company served as Pall Bearers. A delegation from the House of Representatives were honorary Pall Bearers.

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BERNARD GAFFNEY, formerly of Co 'B', 101 Inf. WW-I, died at his home in Dorchester, Mass., on April 7, 1950.

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EARL PARSONS, formerly of Co 'C', 104 Inf., died at the Vets Hospital, West Roxbury, Mass., on April 5, 1950. The YD Burial service was conducted at Pine Grove Cemetery by Commander Ed Streeter of the Lynn Chapter, assisted by Sgt.-at-Arms Sheldon Goodwin Jr., Junior Vice Commander, Leon Varnum and Chaplain Walter Smith. Other members of the Chapter attended.

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JOHN M. McGUIRE, formerly of Co 'B', 103rd Inf. died at his home in Manchester, N. H.

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J. RUSSELL BARLOW, formerly of Co. 'C', 101st Field Signal Bn. died at the Vets. Hospital, Newington, Ct., and was buried at West Hartford, Ct.

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JOHN RYAN, formerly of the 101st Supply Train died after a long illness at his home in Saugus. He was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Saugus and was given a full military funeral by the Lynn Chapter of which he was a member.

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JOHN A. McDONOUGH, formerly of the 101st Trench Mortar Battery, died suddenly at his home March 22, 1950. He was a native of Lewiston, Me., but has lived in Augusta for many years.

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MARTIN FAIR, formerly of Co 'L' 101 Inf. WW-I, died April 15, at his home in Natick, Mass. He was a retired Police Sgt. of that town.

DR. EDWIN K. DEVINE, formerly of Bty 'E', 103rd F. A., died April 11, 1950. The ritual of the YDVA was carried out at the grave by members of the Providence Chapter of which he was a member. Active Pall Bearers were members of the Chapter. Commander Guy Kittredge, Frank McCaffery, Wilfred Bresette, Lawrence Cook, John Mitchell and Fred Grandchamp.

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ARTHUR JOHNSON, formerly of the 101st Ammunition Train died at his home in Plymouth, Mass., recently.

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EDWARD R. CURZYN, formerly of Co 'L', 101st Inf. WW-I, died at the Cushing Hospital, April 18, 1950. His former home was in Framingham, Mass.

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HARRISON P. MacALMAN, formerly of Co. C, 101st Engineers died March 9, 1950 at the Veterans Hospital at Togus, Maine. Burial was from his former home in Rockland, Maine.

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NORMAN H. WILDES, formerly of Supply Co. 103rd F.A., died March 17, 1950, after a brief illness. His home was at Biddeford Pool, Maine.

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LEO WILE, formerly of Co "E" 102nd Infantry, died April 5, 1950 in Cleveland. He was a former member of the Cleveland Chapter.

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REGINALD BEAL, formerly of Co 'K', 101 Inf. WW-I, died April 1, 1950 at Cohasset, Mass.

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REV. ROGER W. BENNET, formerly of Co 'F', 101 Inf. WW-I, died suddenly at Newton, Mass., where he was pastor of the Episcopal church.

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GEORGE H. FOLEY, formerly of Hdqrs. 101st F. A., died April 21st at Boston, Mass. Burial was on April 24th at Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.

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